

MR. ARASHI'S
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FREAK SHOW



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MR. ARASHI



SNAKE WOMAN



THE GIANT



HOHICHI THE HUMAN PRETZEL



MASANITSU THE BOTTLED WONDER



FATHER & MOTHER



THE HUMAN WORM



THE MUMMY MAN



IKKA KITA¹



HIBARI MISORA¹¹



SPOTTED GIRL¹¹¹



KANABUN THE BOY-GIRL



HIDORI

¹1883-1937 RADICAL NATIONALIST

¹¹POPULAR JAPANESE SINGER

¹¹¹DOES NOT APPEAR IN STORY.

大人三寸
客留

SOLD OUT

CHAPTER
ONE

PATIENCE
AND
OBEDIENCE







SLIMY GREEN SNOT!
MOUNDS OF
SLIMY GREEN SNOT!

SEE THE DIRTIEST TEETH
IN THE WORLD!
OOZING STIES!



RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES,
MARVELS AND MONSTROSITIES!

LIVE—LIVE—LIVE—
A HEAD FULL OF PUS!
IT'S ASTOUNDING!
IT'S SPELLBINDING!
IT'S BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!



FOR THE EXTRA CURIOUS AND EXTRA DARING
A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE IN THE BACK
SEE THE HALF WOMAN—HALF MAN!
WATCH A COCK RIDE THE BACK OF AN ASS!

WHAT A HAIRY NIGHT!
COME GAPE AT THE MAN APE!
THE HUMAN WORM
WILL MAKE YOU SQUIRM!
SEE SOCIETY'S OUTCASTS,
MANKIND'S UNWANTED,
THE WORLD'S GREATEST CURIOSITIES!





TELLIKS,
TELLIKS,
TELLIKS!



STEP RIGHT UP,
STEP RIGHT UP!
SEE THE TERRIFYING TELLIKS!!
TELLIKS WITH
THE HIDEOUS BLACK FACE!!



THAT'S WHY
... WE'LL
TELLI.

AHEM.
WELL, YES,
IT'S AN UPSIDE-DOWN
SKILLET ...



THAT'S STUPID—
THAT'S NOTHING BUT
AN OLD SKILLET.



SEE
THE TELLIKS!



OF COURSE NOT.

DAMN BRATS!!
HEY, DID YOU
LITTLE STINKERS
PAY FOR THE SHOW?



NYA, I GET IT.
SOMEBODY
CHUCKED UP
ON THAT PIECE
OF WOOD.

AND NOW—
A WOODCHUCK!!



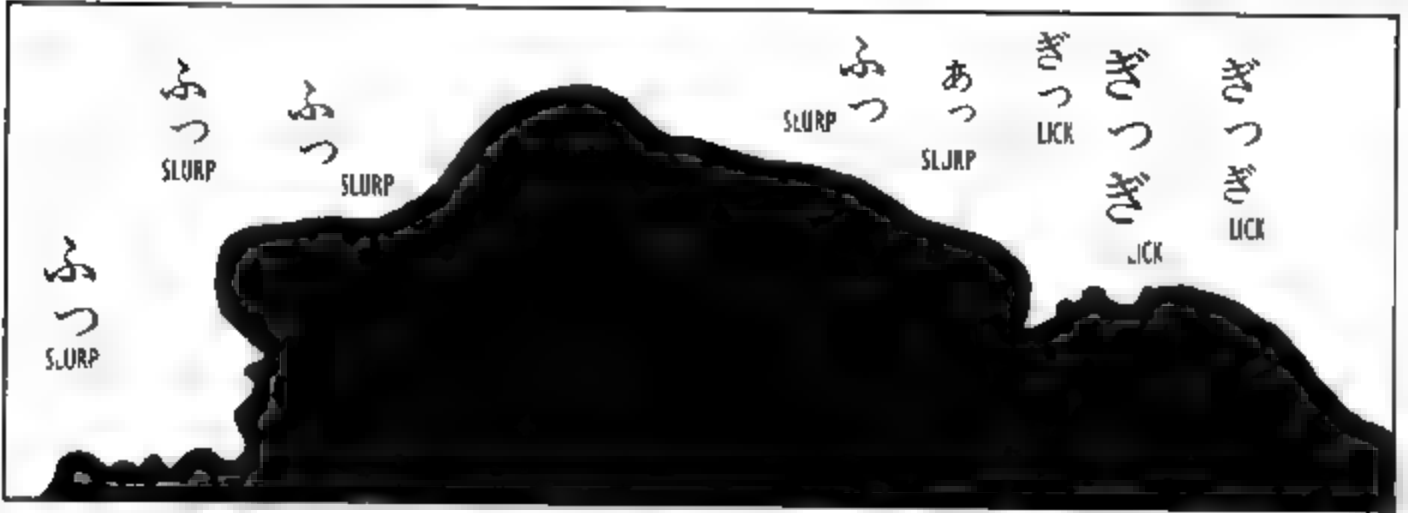
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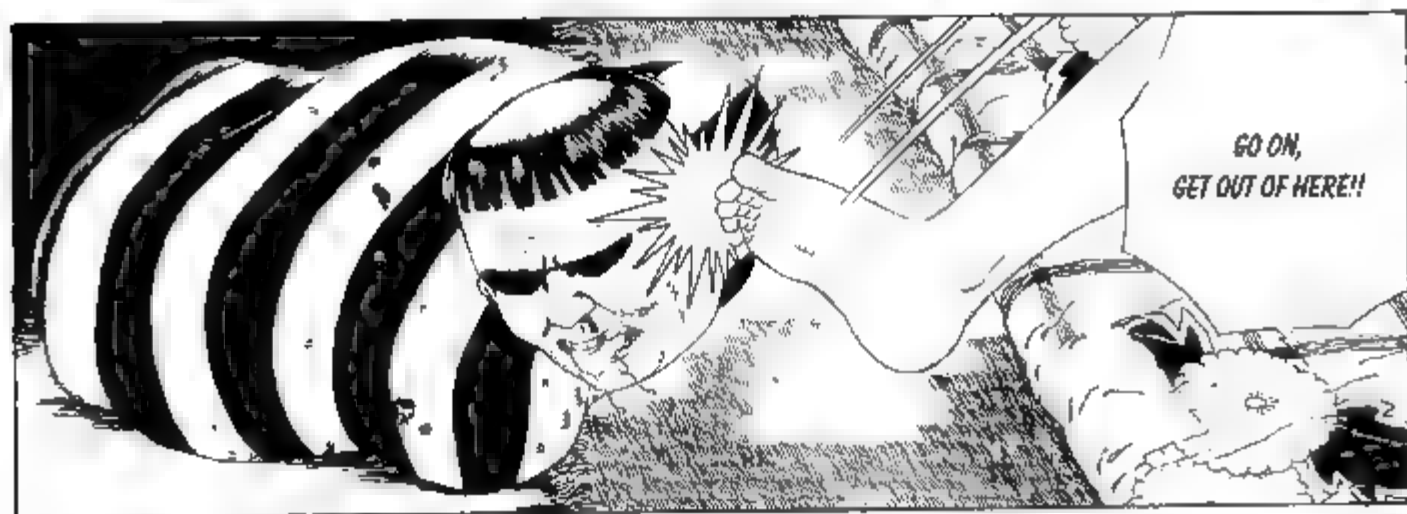
I am twelve years old. Three years ago my father went away and never came back home. So my mother and I were alone, but then she died and I didn't have any place to live



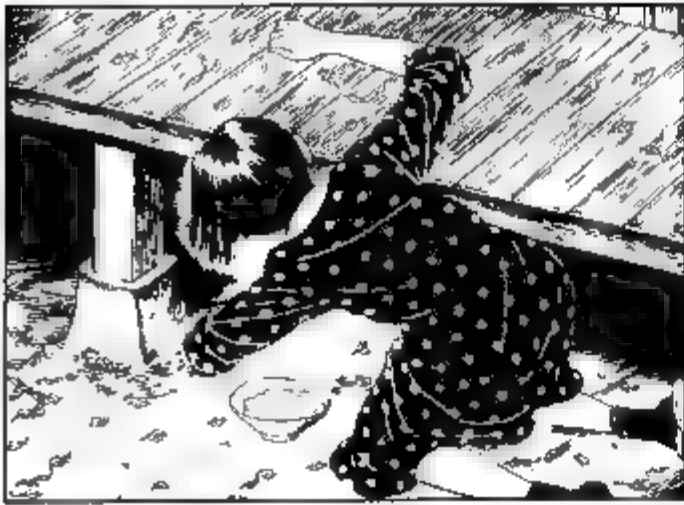
anymore. One day I met the owner of a freak show and he tricked me and ever since then I've been forced to work in his awful show. My life is so horrible, sometimes I wish that I could die. I can't go to school. I can't sleep at night, I'm so worried. What will become of me? What should I do?

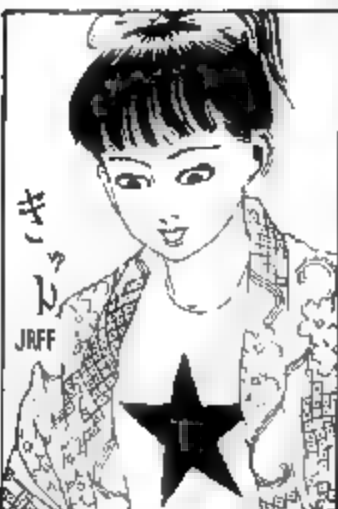


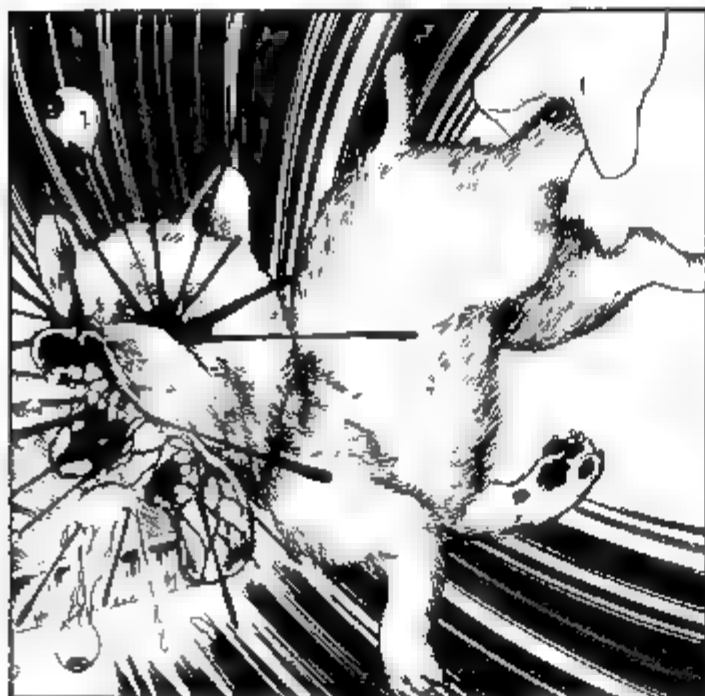
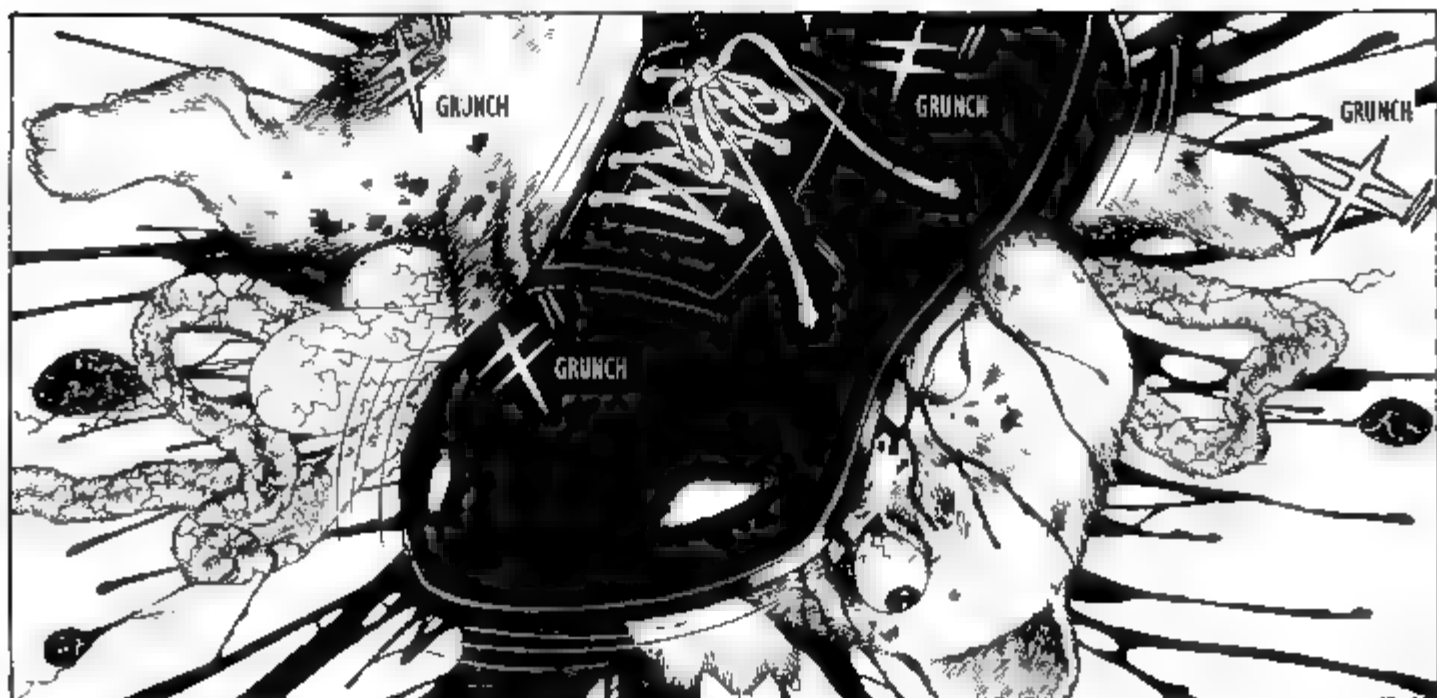














MY LITTLE DOGGIES!
MY LITTLE DOGGIES!



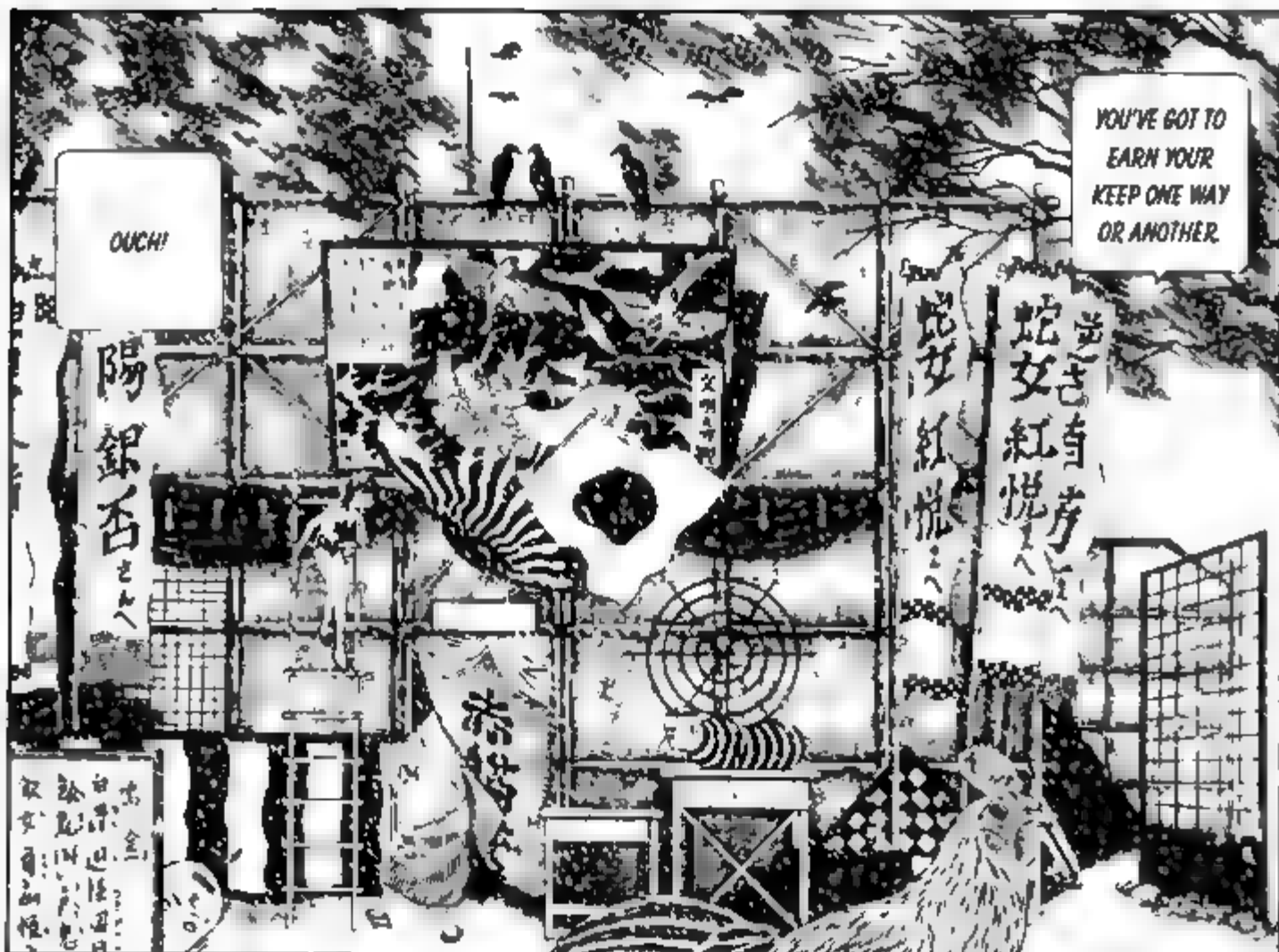
CHAPTER
TWO

THERE'S
NO PLACE
LIKE
HOME

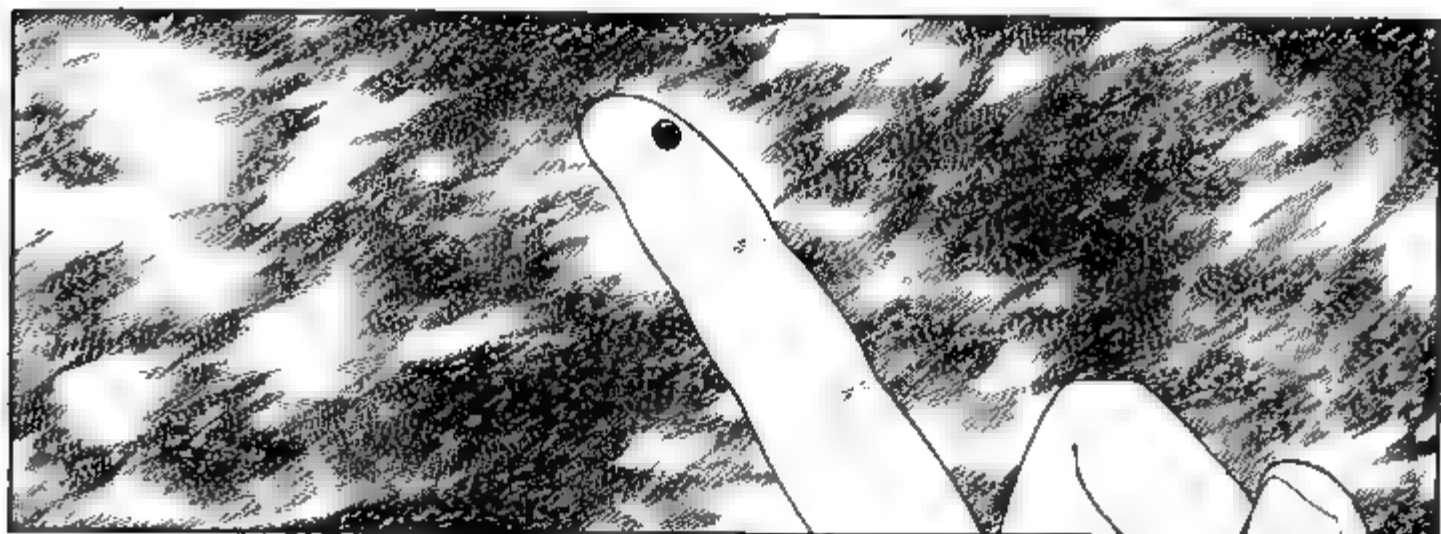
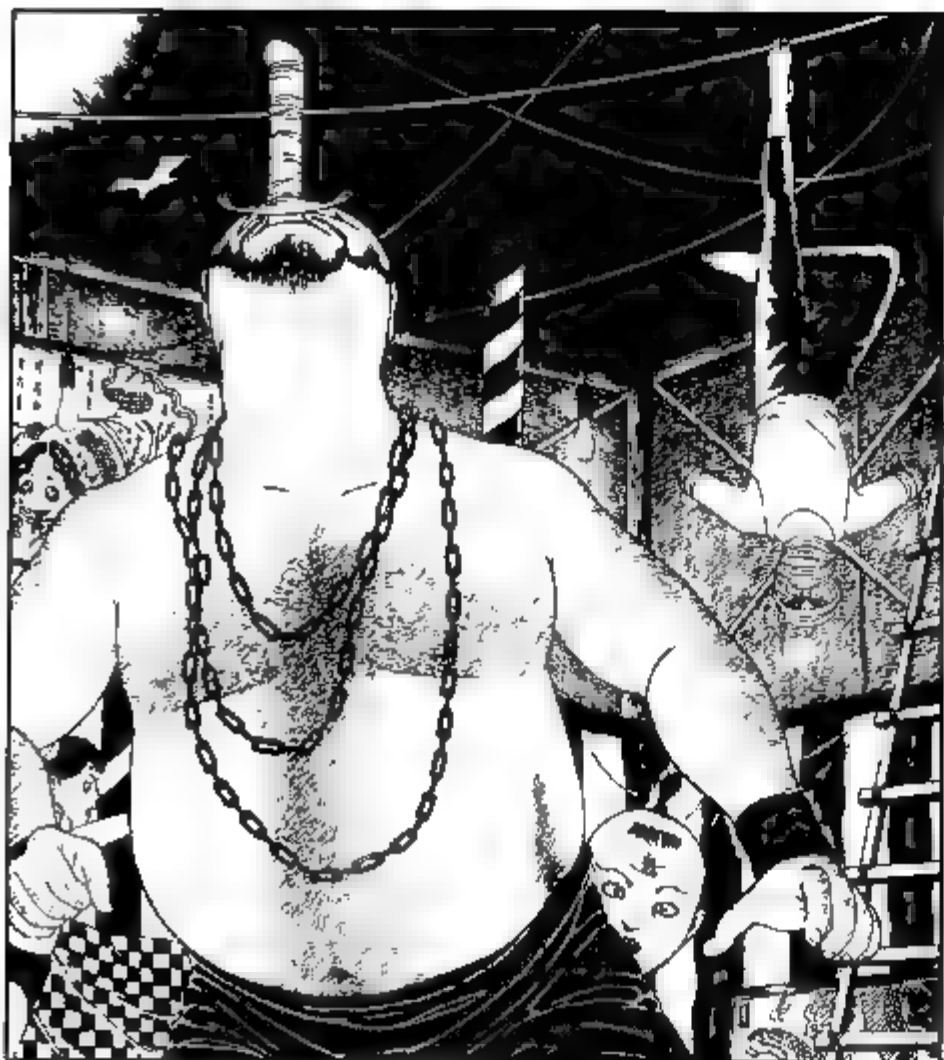


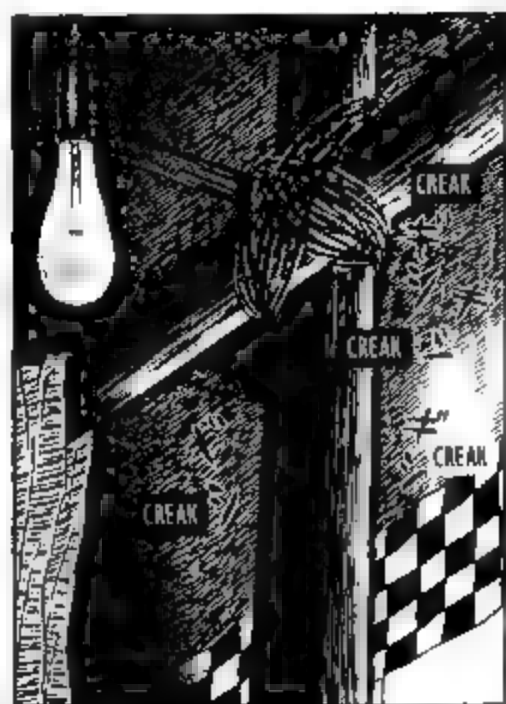




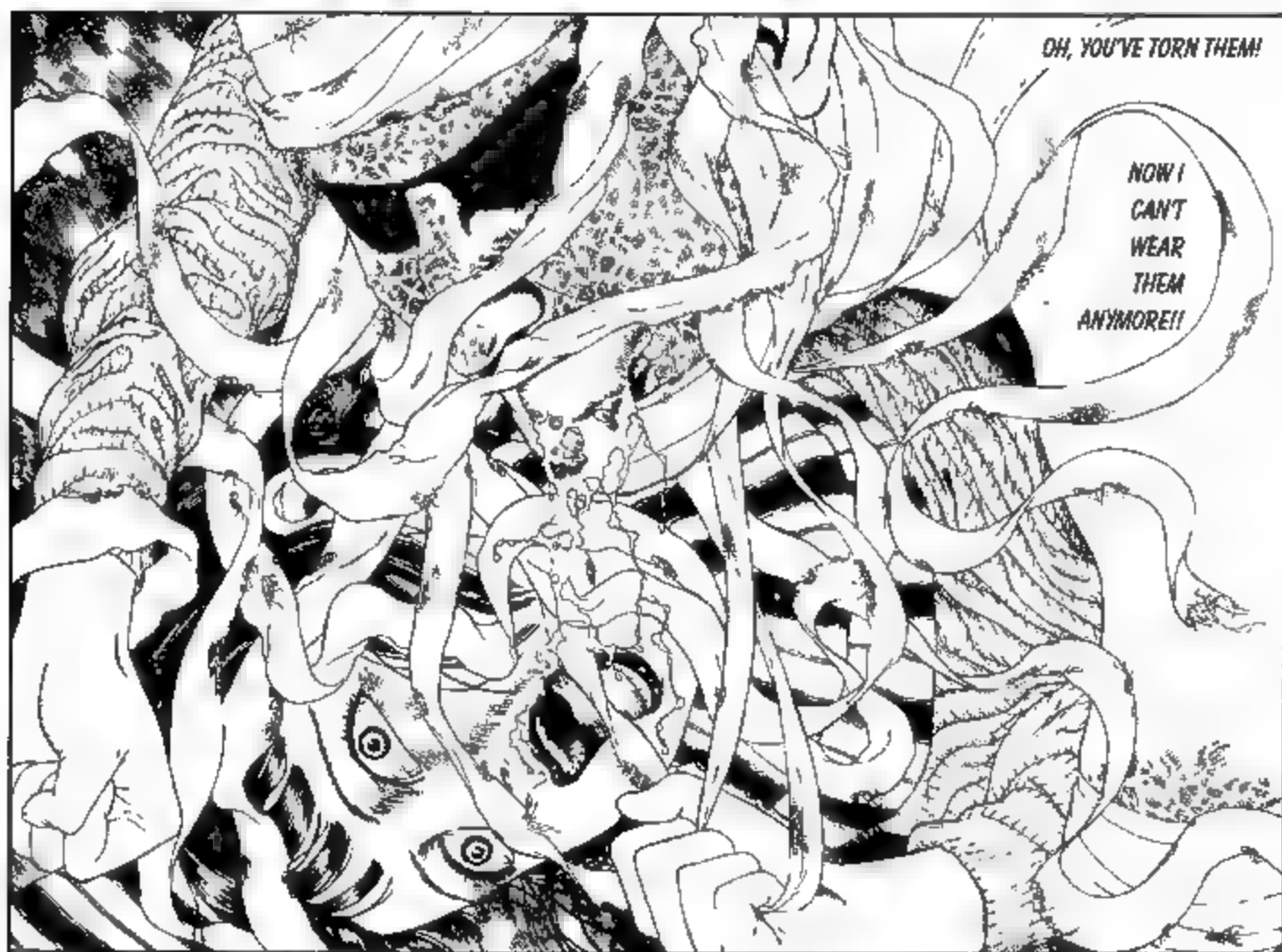




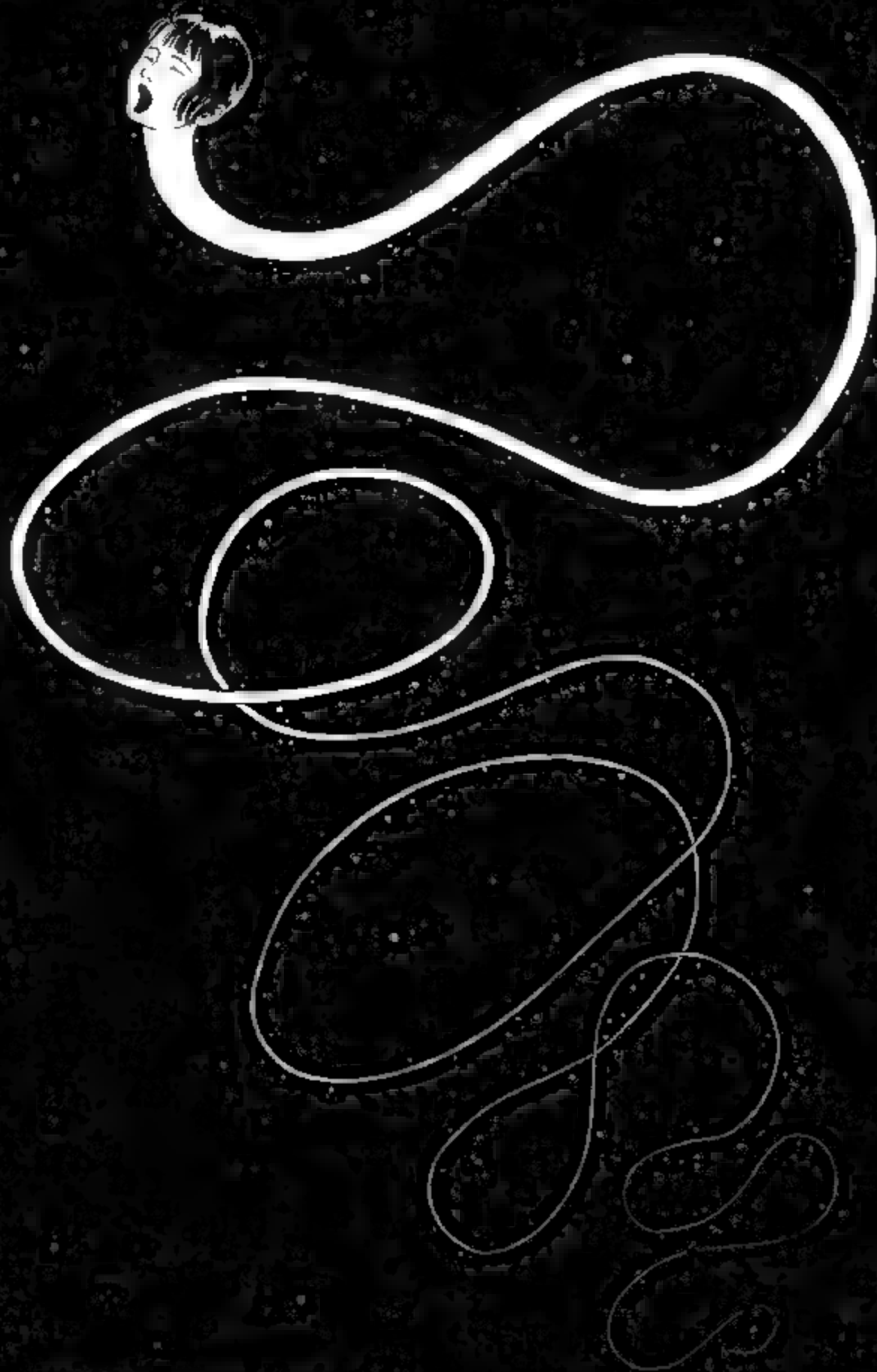












OH, IF ONLY MY HEAD COULD ESCAPE THIS WORLD.





MIDORI,
AFTER YOU GIVE
HŌHICHI A BATH,
GIVE ME ONE TOO.



MONSTERS!!



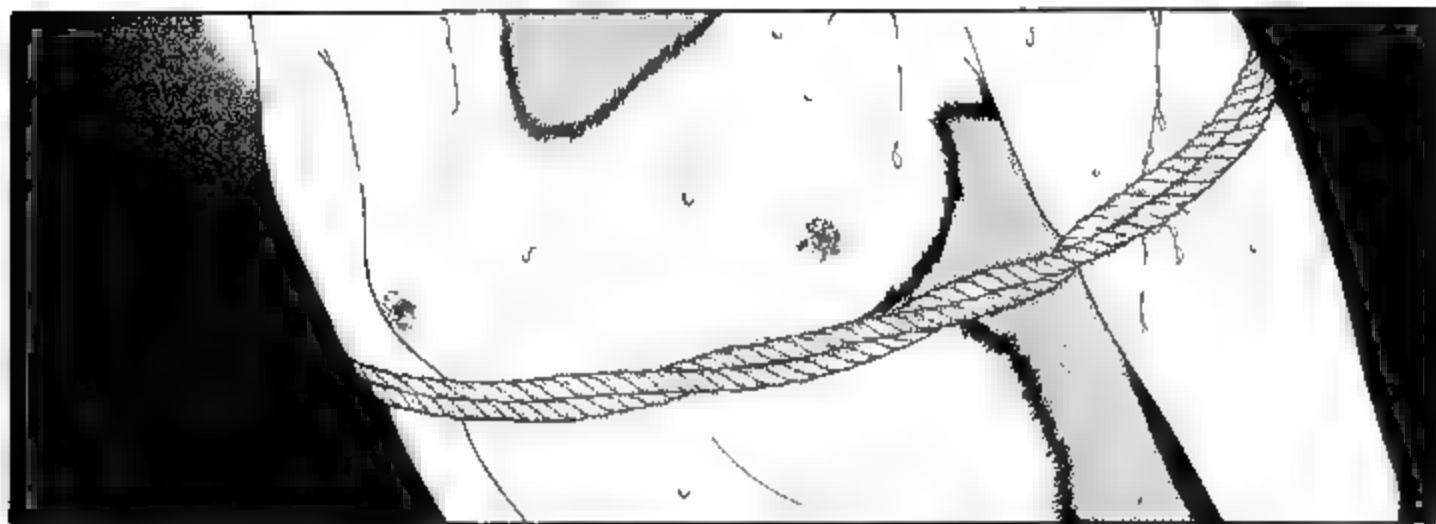
HURRY UP,
IT'S COLD!



MONSTERS
MONSTERS
MONSTERS!!

MONSTERS!!
MONSTERS!!





**CHAPTER
THREE**

**OUT OF
THE
BLUE**

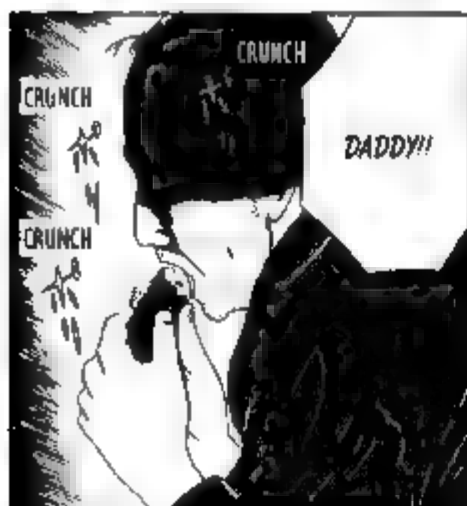
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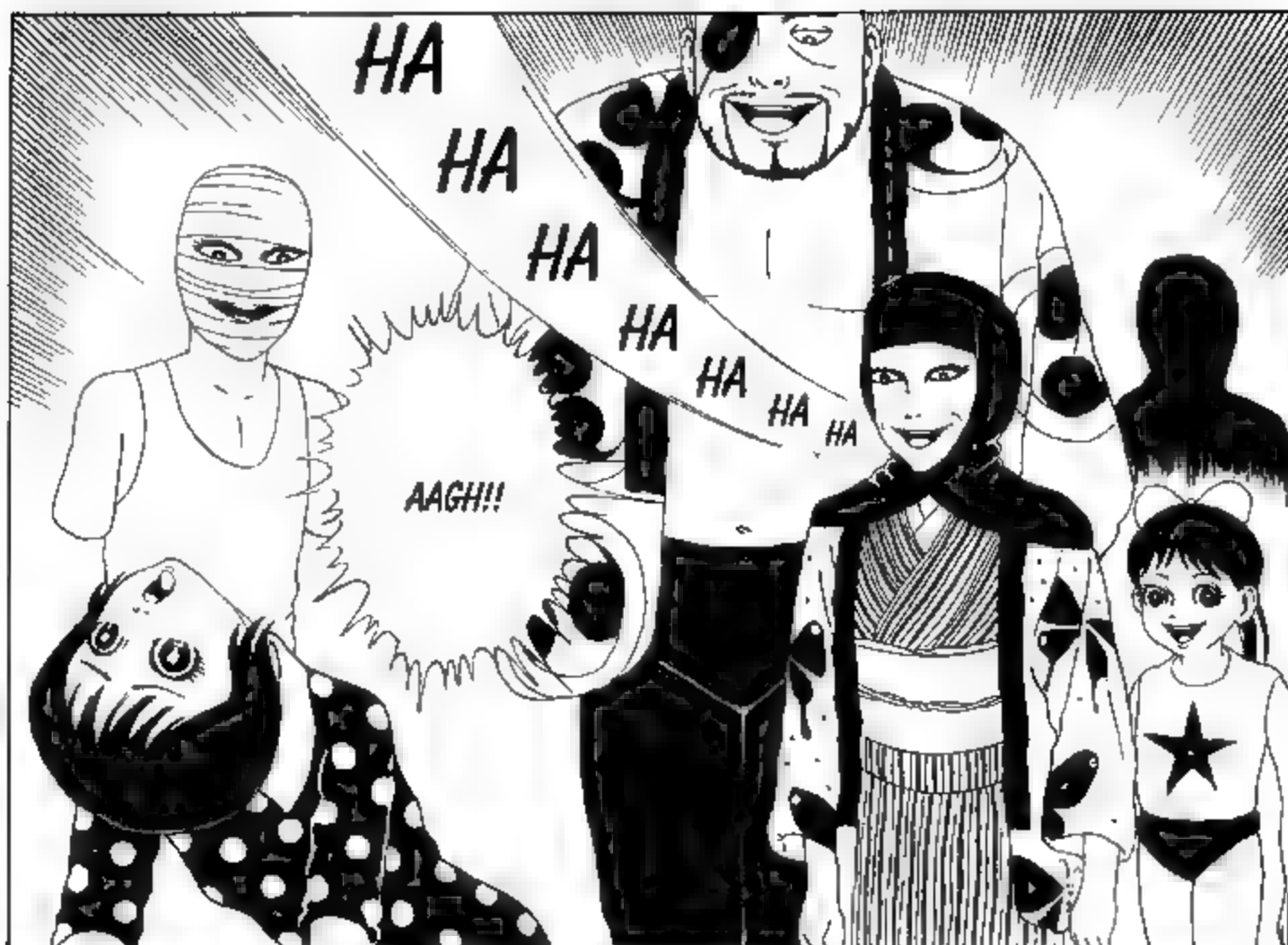




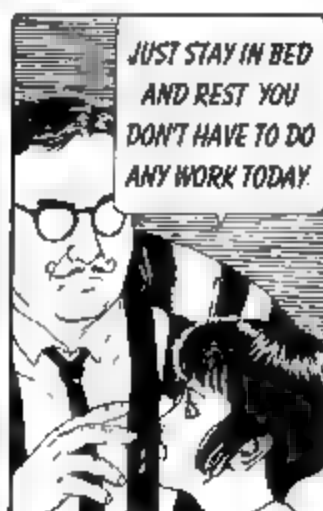
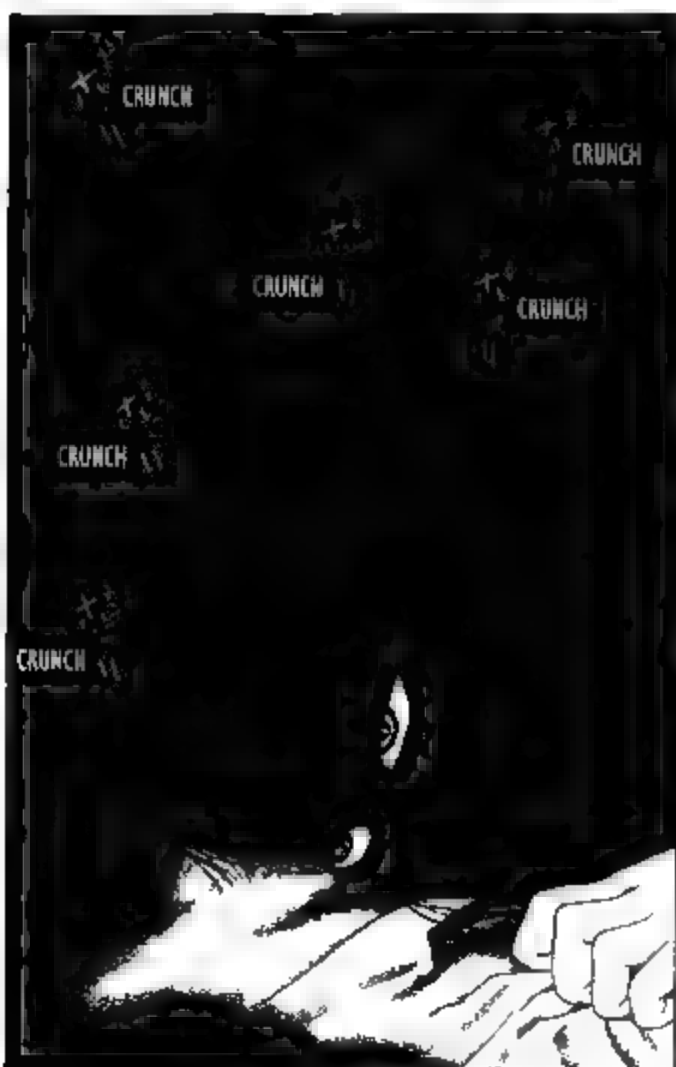
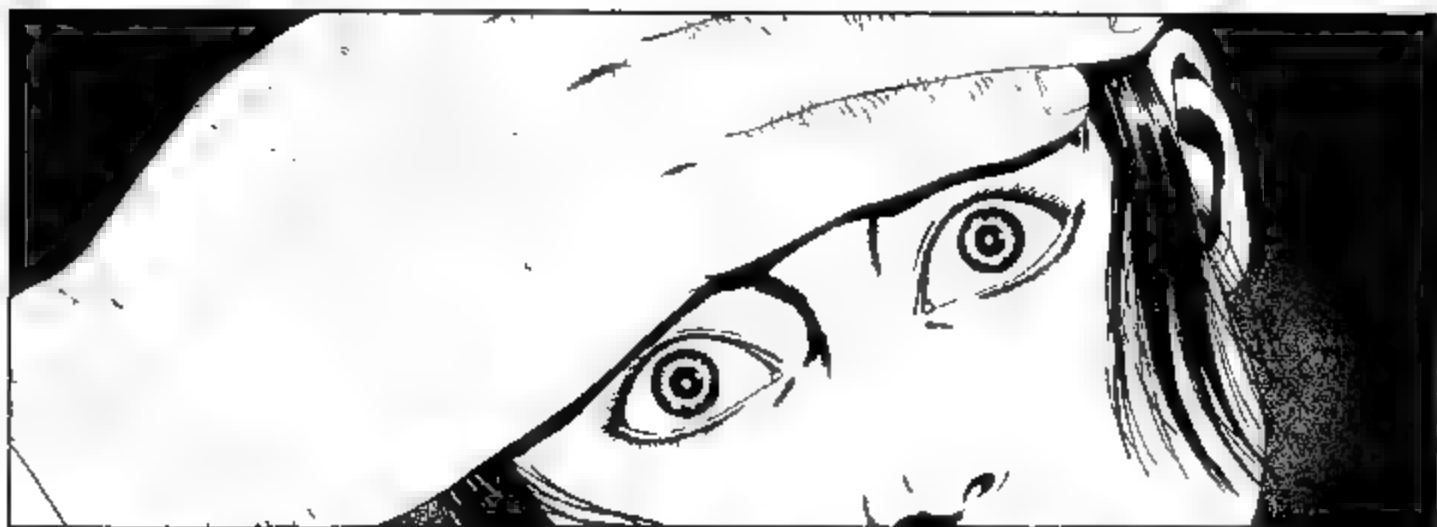


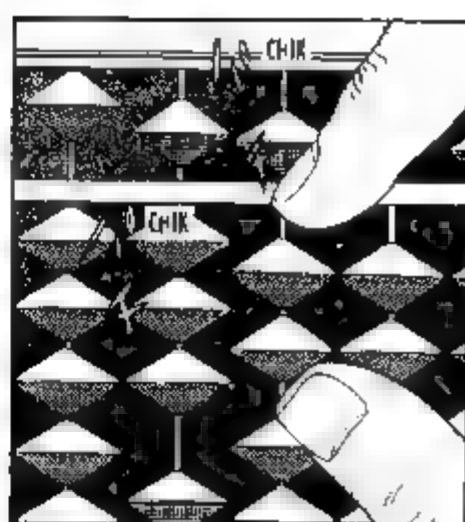














HUH!
WHAT A FAGGOT!



NOBODY COMES
TO SEE THE SHOW
ANYMORE. WE'LL
NEVER GET
ANYBODY
TO GET OUT
OF HERE.

ARE WE
JUST GONNA
STARVE TO
DEATH?



SHUK



NOW WHAT
ARE WE
GONNA DO?



HE'S A FOOL
TO JOIN
THIS LOUSY
CARNY ACT.



THEY SAY
HE USES
WESTERN
MAGIC.

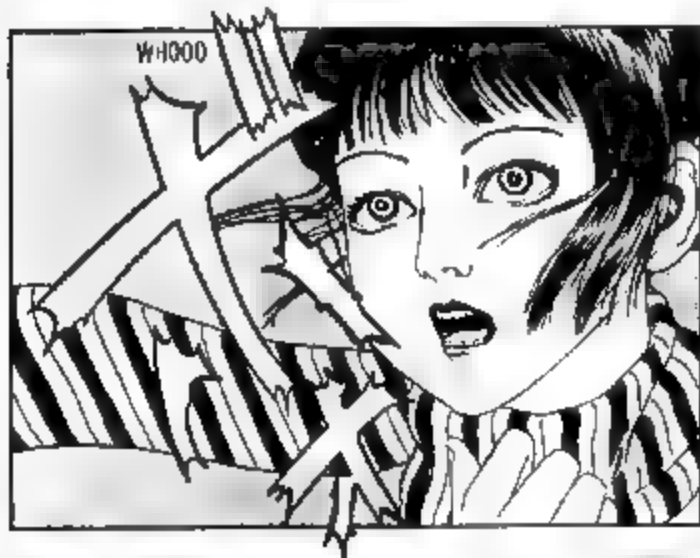
I HEAR ARASHI'S
FOUND SOME
NEW GUY
FOR THE SHOW.



WE'RE
REALLY
SCREWED!

I GUESS I'LL
JUST HAVE TO
GET SOME WORK
DIGGING
DITCHES.

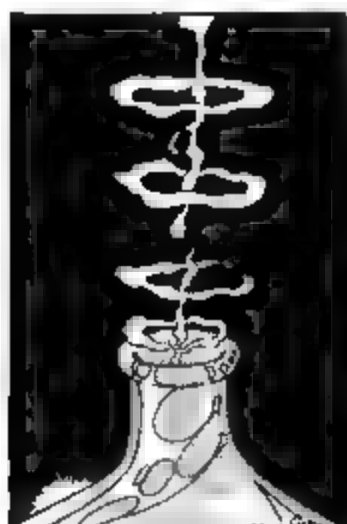


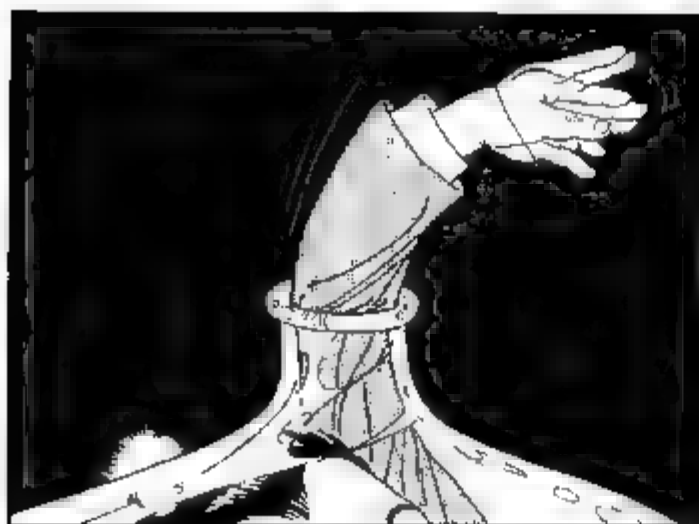


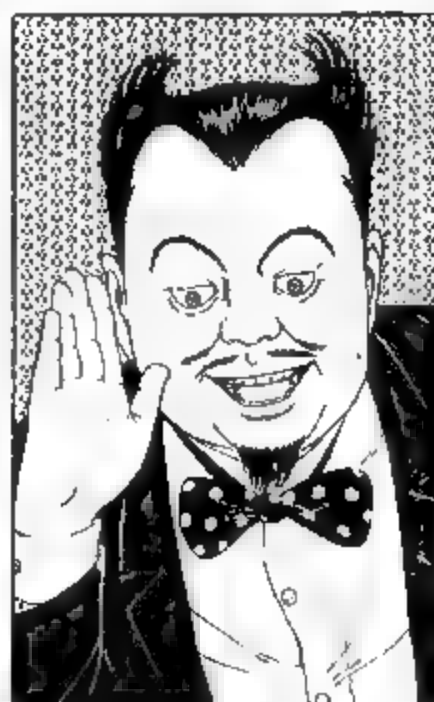


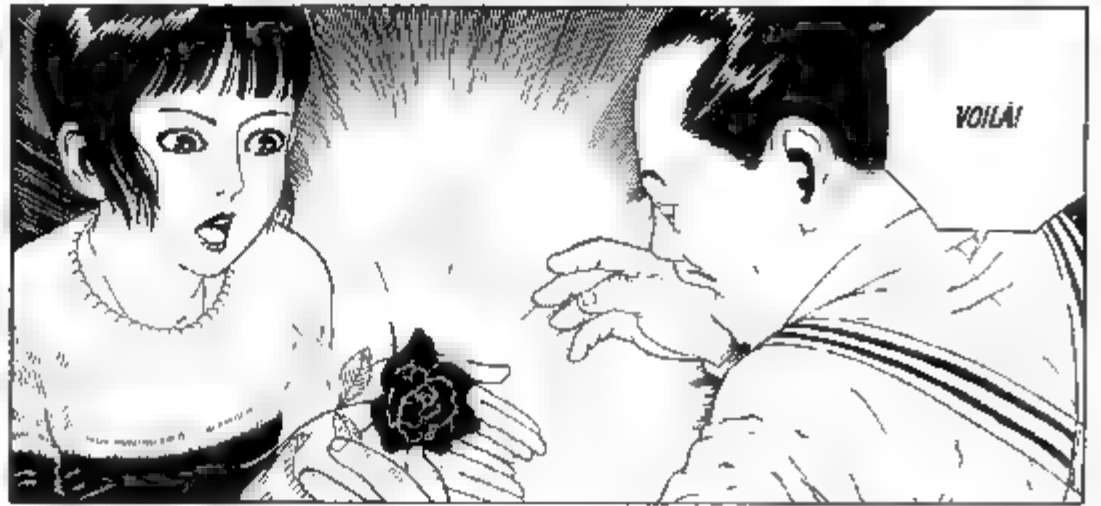
FOREVER WANDERING
UNDER THIS LIGHT OF THE AURORA,
THIS ENDLESS SIBERIA.













**CHAPTER
FOUR**

**FAME
AND
MEDIOCRITY**

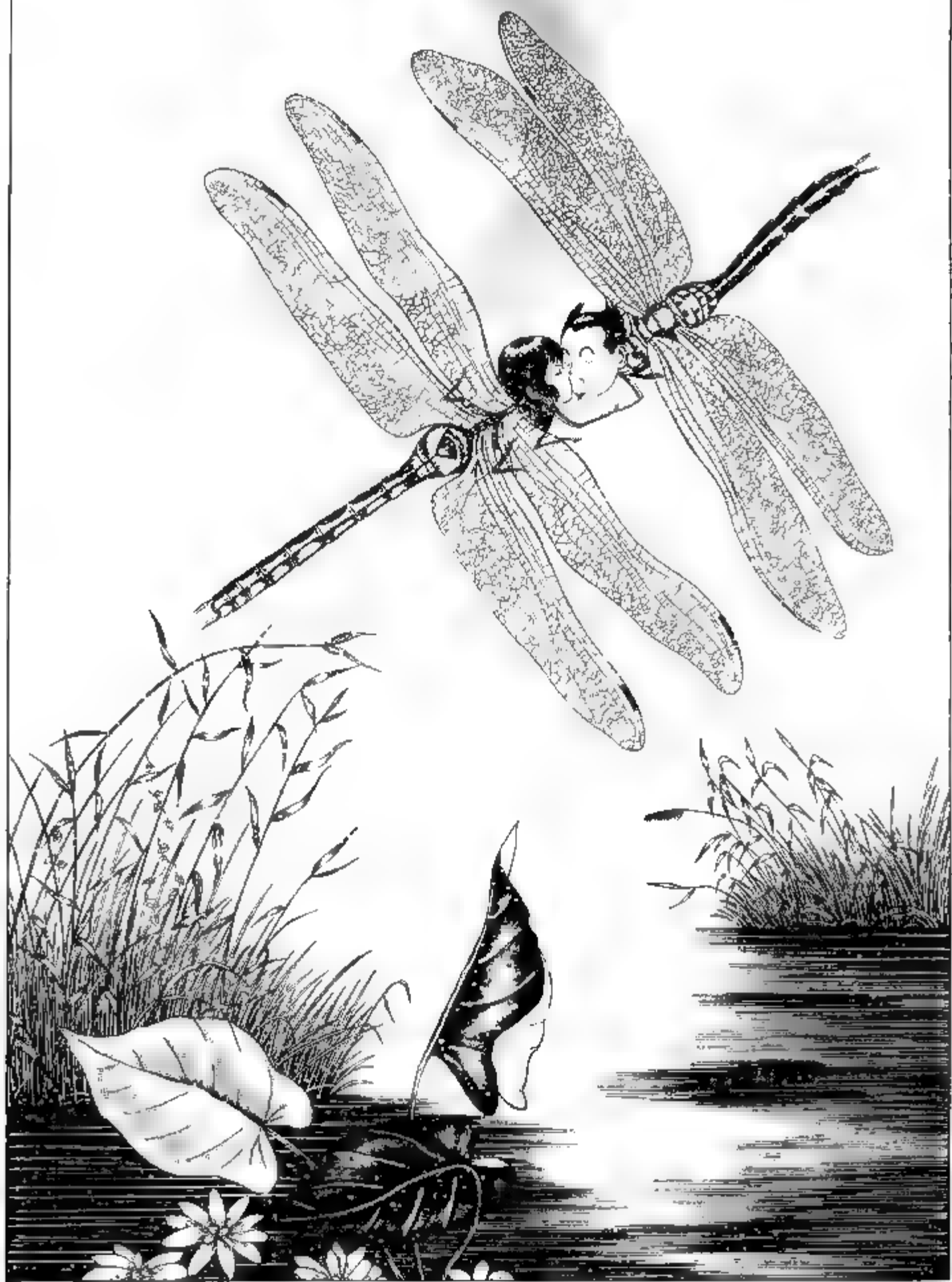








*I COULD MARRY YOU...
BUT I'M NOT A VIRGIN ANYMORE.*



THE MIDGET IN A BOTTLE

幻戯 瓶の中の一寸法師

世界一!!
ワンダー正光氏

THE ONE AND ONLY MASAMITSU THE BOTTLED WONDER!!

RIGHT THIS WAY!
PAY AS YOU GO!
IT'S A FEAST
FOR THE EYE AND THE MIND!

OUT OF
MY WAY,
YOU

I WANNA SIT
UP FRONT!

BOOM

YOU JERK—
STOP PUSHING!

STEP RIGHT UP!
YOU CAN PAY AS
YOU GO! STEP RIGHT
UP AND AVOID
THE RUSH!

世界一!!
ワンダー正光氏

BOOM

BOOM

HEY!
DON'T PUSH ME!









Director of Shows
Shinji Fukawa



UH-HUH.

MR.
MASAMITSU,
SIR, THAT WAS
STUPENDOUS!



MR.
MASAMITSU,
SIR .



PLEASE, YOU
NEEDN'T TROUBLE
YOURSELF OVER ME.
JUST BRING SOME
WARM MILK FOR
DEAR MIDORI.



HEY YOU BUMS,
WHY DON'T YOU MAKE
YOURSELVES USEFUL AND
GET MR. MASAMITSU
SOME TEA.



OH!

IT IS ONLY BECAUSE OF YOU
THAT MY PERFORMANCE
WENT SO WELL TODAY.
I THANK YOU FROM THE
BOTTOM OF MY HEART.



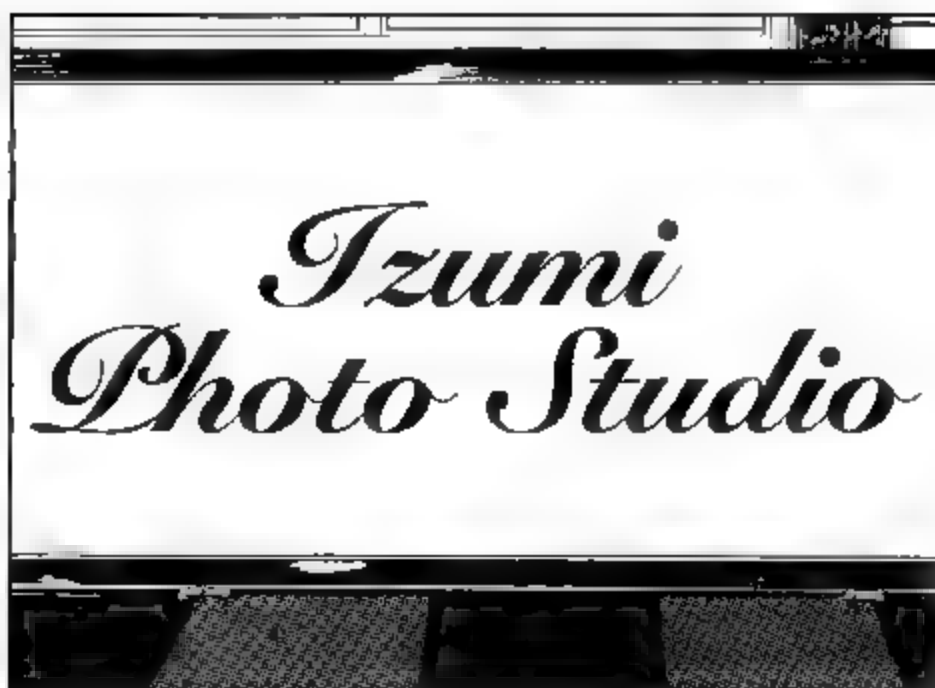
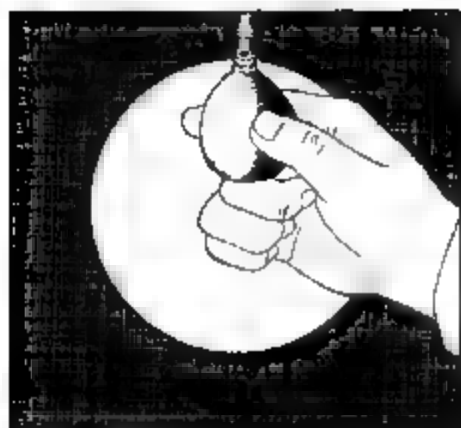
HHHH



HUH HE CALLS
MIDORI HIS
ASSISTANT BUT ALL
SHE DOES IS
FUCKING STAND
THERE.

READY?

NOW, SMILE!





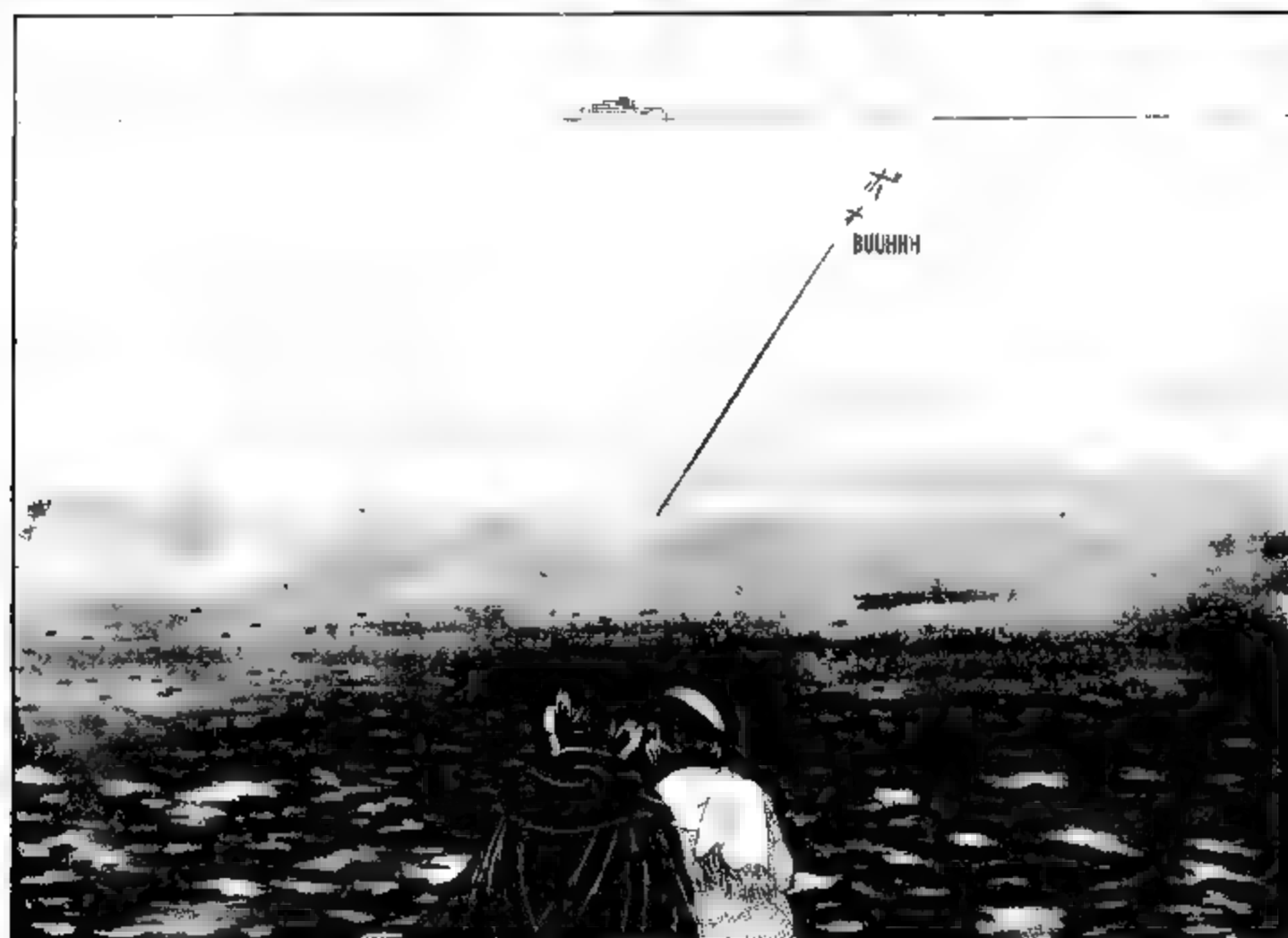
ME TOO.

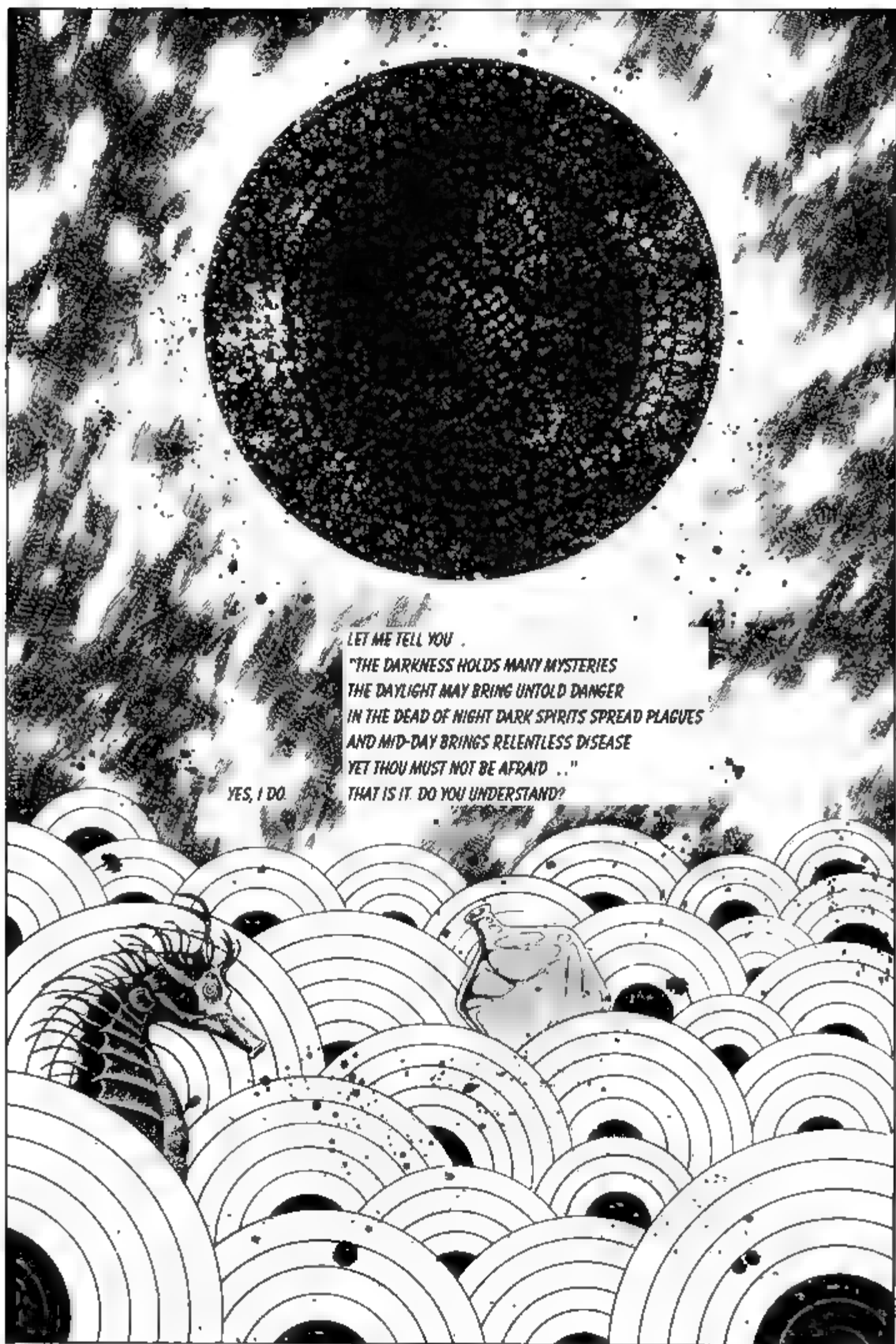
OH, I HOPE
OUR PHOTO
TURNS OUT
NICE.



WON'T IT BE
WONDERFUL
WHEN THE
SNOW'S
ALL GONE?

IT SURE WILL,
SWEETIE





LET ME TELL YOU .

"THE DARKNESS HOLDS MANY MYSTERIES
THE DAYLIGHT MAY BRING UNTOLD DANGER
IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT DARK SPIRITS SPREAD PLAGUES
AND MID-DAY BRINGS RELENTLESS DISEASE
YET THOU MUST NOT BE AFRAID . ."

YES, I DO.

THAT IS IT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?





YOU
LITTLE
FOOL!

GODDAMMIT



GET A
LOAD
OF HER!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO
TELL ME. I WAS JUST
ABOUT TO GO DO THE
LAUNDRY ANYWAY.



DAMN YOU,
YOU UGLY MUMMY!

STOP IT!
I JUST GOT MY
MAKEUP
PUT ON!



LEAVE ME ALONE,
YOU JERK!

NOW.

YOU'RE
JUST ASKING
FOR IT.



I'M GONNA TELL
MY OLD MAN!

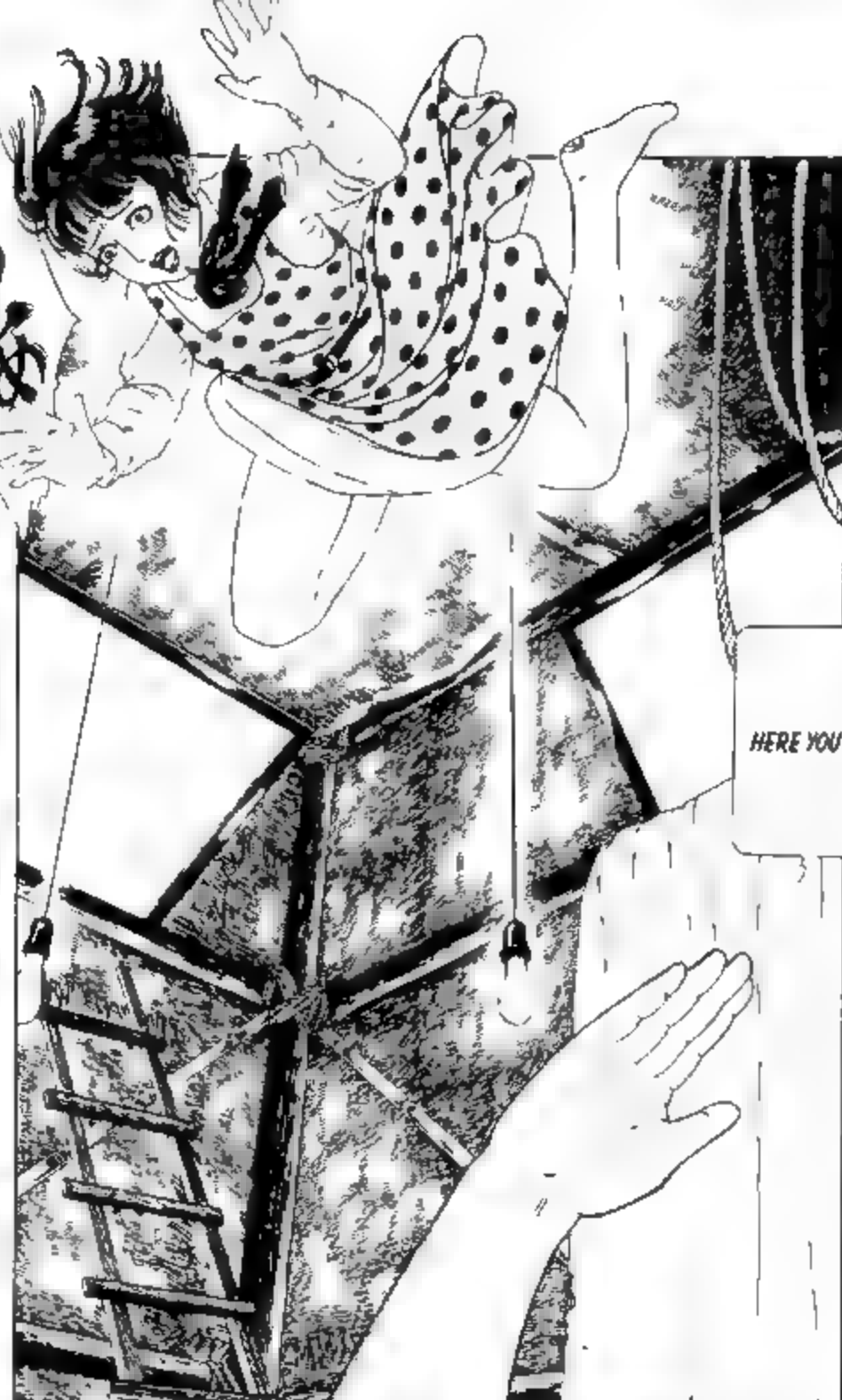
YOU WOULDN'T EVEN
SURVIVE WITHOUT
MASAMITSU
AND ME!

WELL, DID YOU
HEAR THAT?
MY OLD MAN
SHE SAID. HAH!





あーあーあー



HERE YOU GO!



NO! STOP IT!!

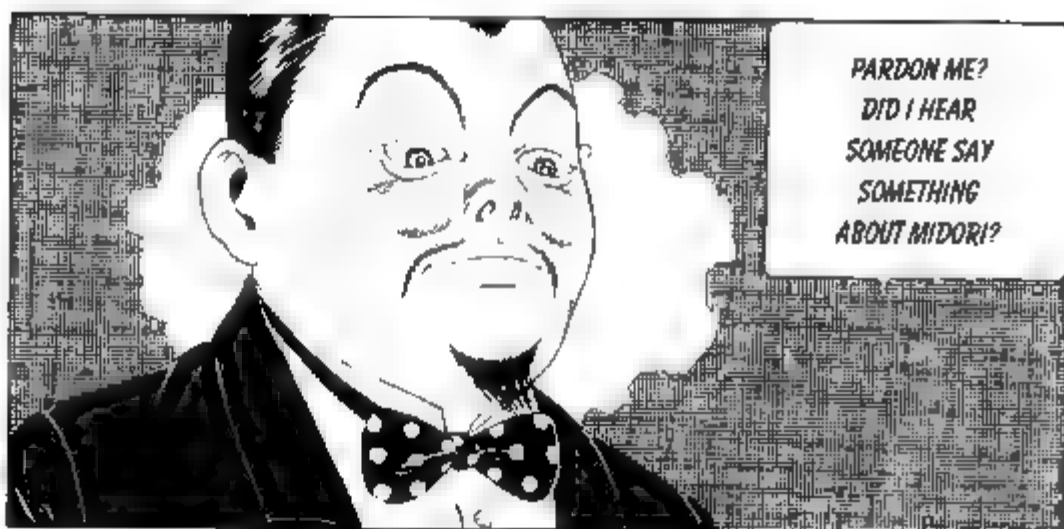
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YOU CAN FLY!



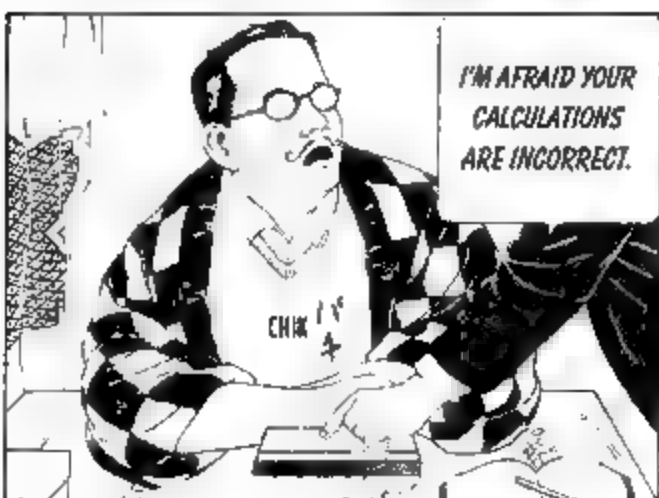
















LET'S BE
FRIENDS
AGAIN.



IT'S JUST
THAT
LATELY
YOU'VE...

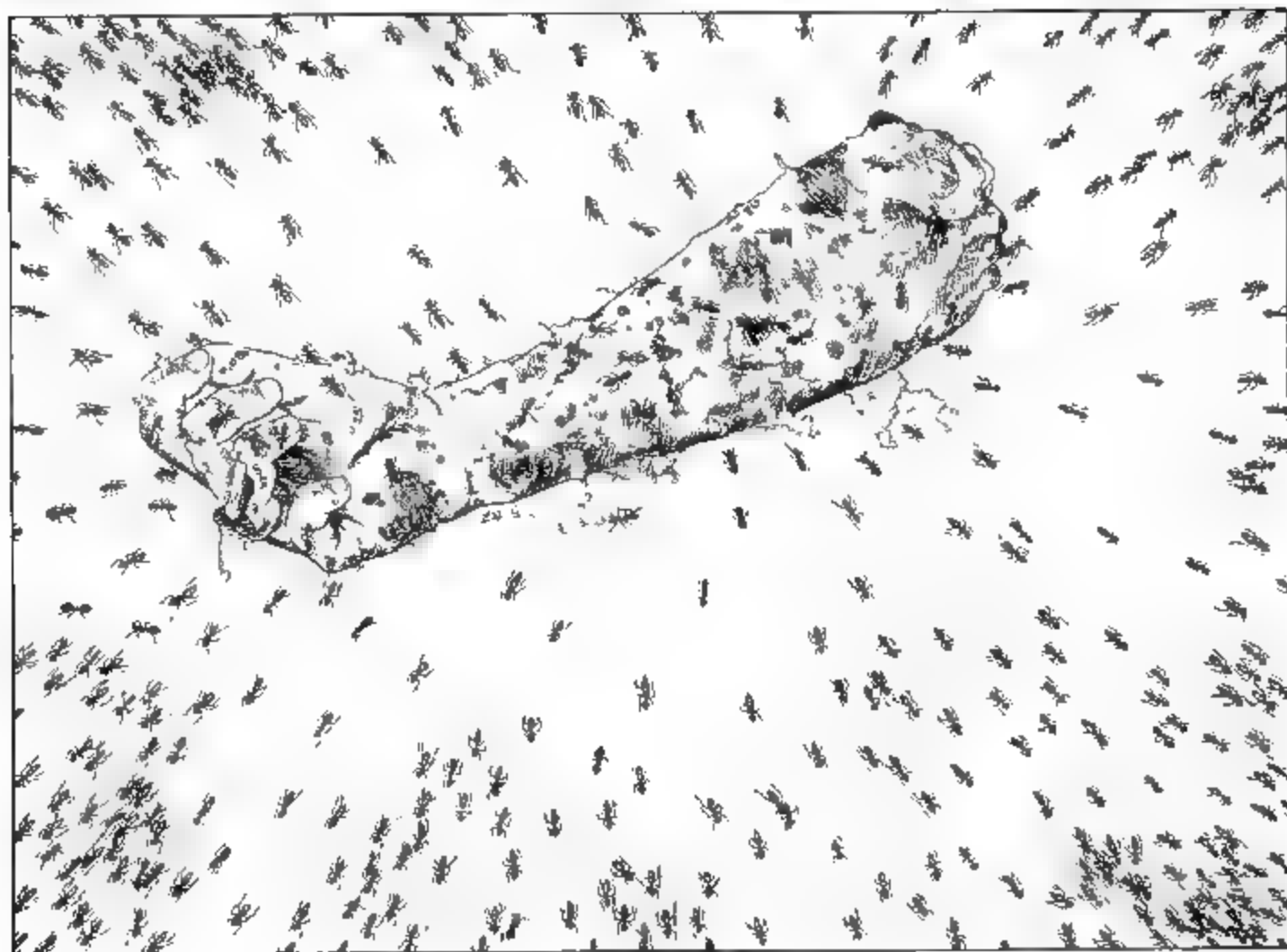
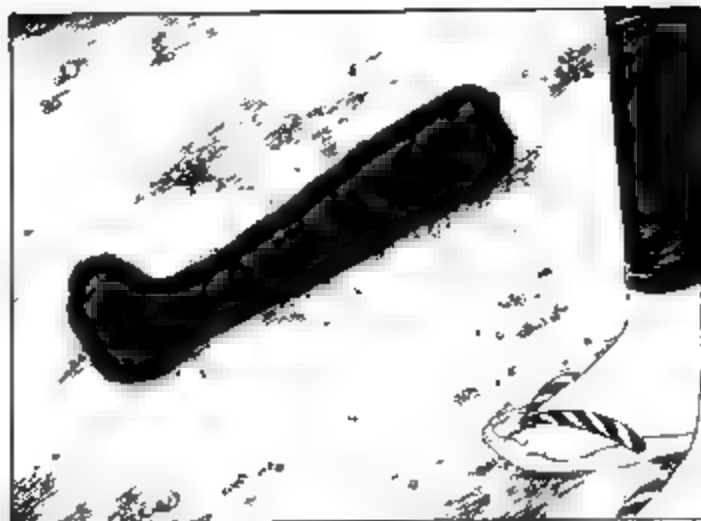
YOU KNOW



I REALLY LIKE YOU.



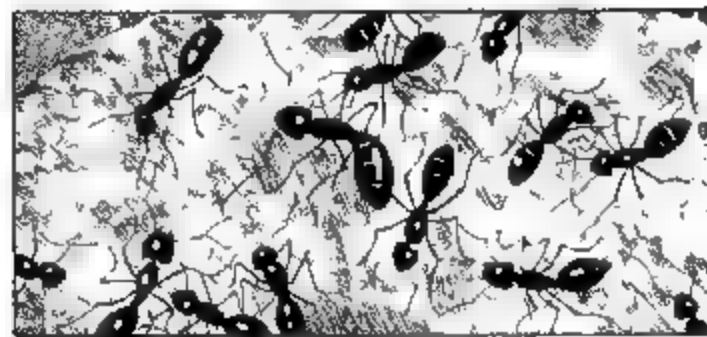
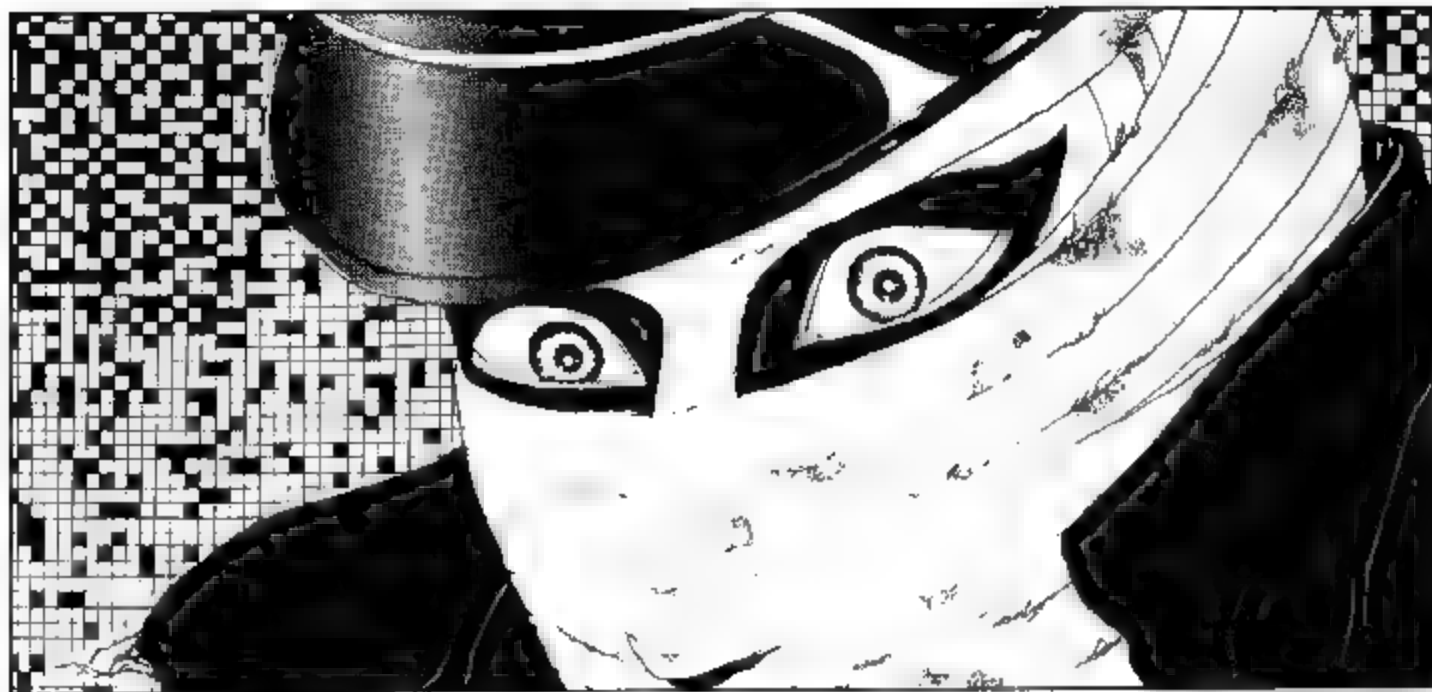
BELIEVE ME.
I DO.



**CHAPTER
FIVE**

**THE
WAGES OF
SIN**











NO. I AM YOU.

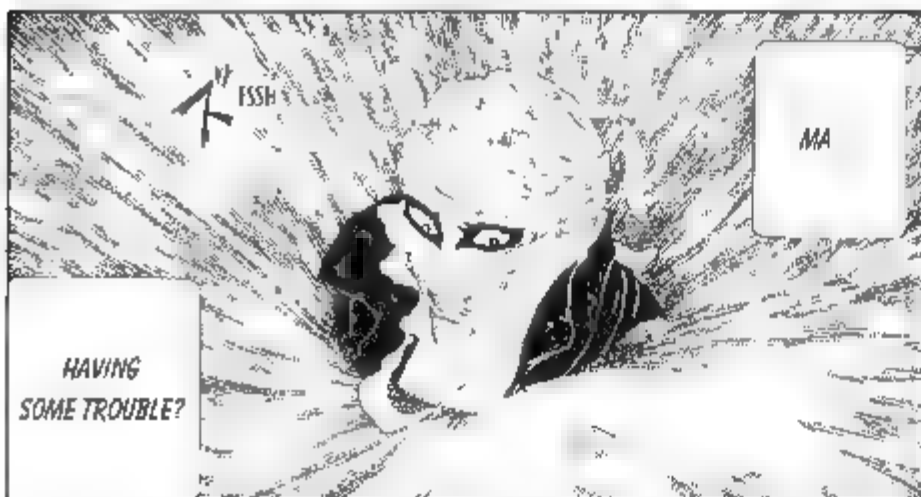


MA
HASAMITSU!!



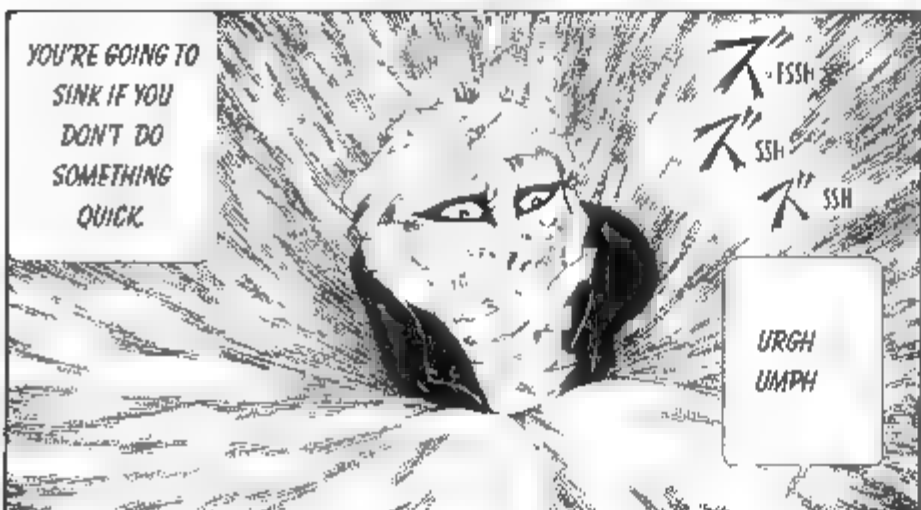
OH NO,
I'M NOT
FALLING FOR
THAT TRICK.

YOU
BASTARD!



HAVING
SOME TROUBLE?

MA

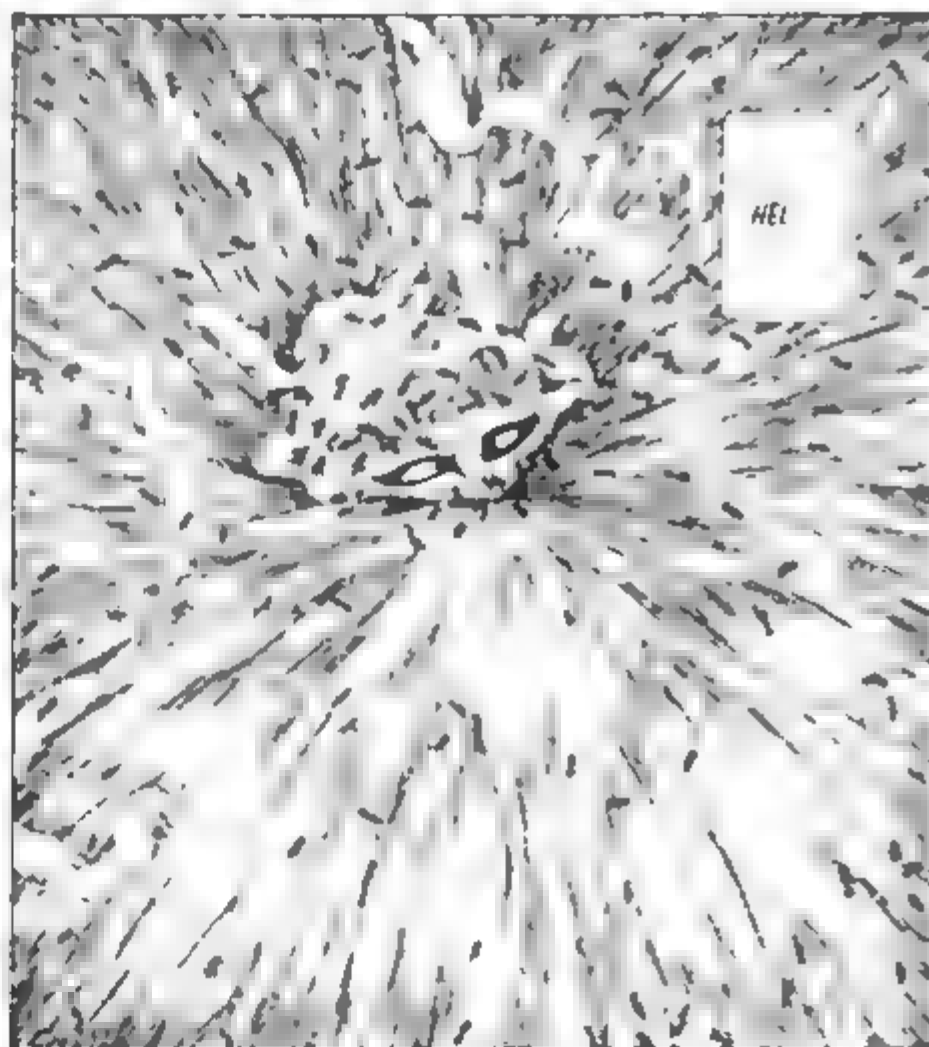


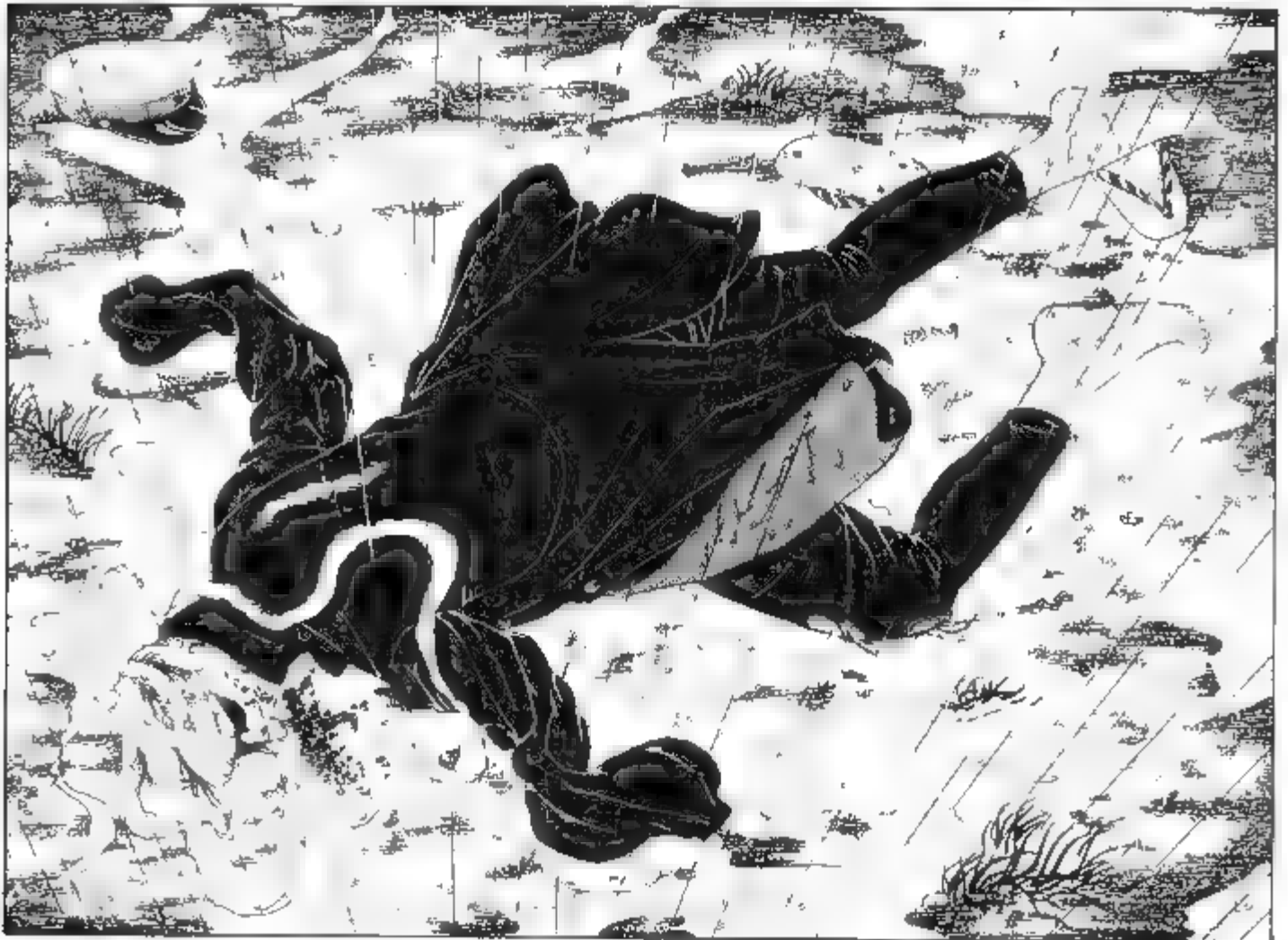
YOU'RE GOING TO
SINK IF YOU
DON'T DO
SOMETHING
QUICK.

URGH
UMPH



ALL RIGHT,
THEN YOU CAN
GET OUT OF
THAT HOLE
BY YOURSELF.











YES, I SAW IT!!
YOU WERE
SHOWING DIRT
IN HIS MOUTH



THEY'D HUNT US DOWN
IF THEY
FOUND OUT

WE HAVEN'T
TELL A SOUL



I'M SCARED



I DID IT
FOR YOU,
MIDORI



WE'RE
BETTER OFF
WITH THAT
ASSHOLE DEAD





YOU MUST
STAR IN
OUR FILM.

FROM NOW ON YOU'LL LIVE
LIKE A PRINCESS INSTEAD OF
BEING A CHILD SLAVE
TO THESE FILTHY
CARNIVAL FREAKS.



YOU'LL BE
AN OVERNIGHT
SENSATION.

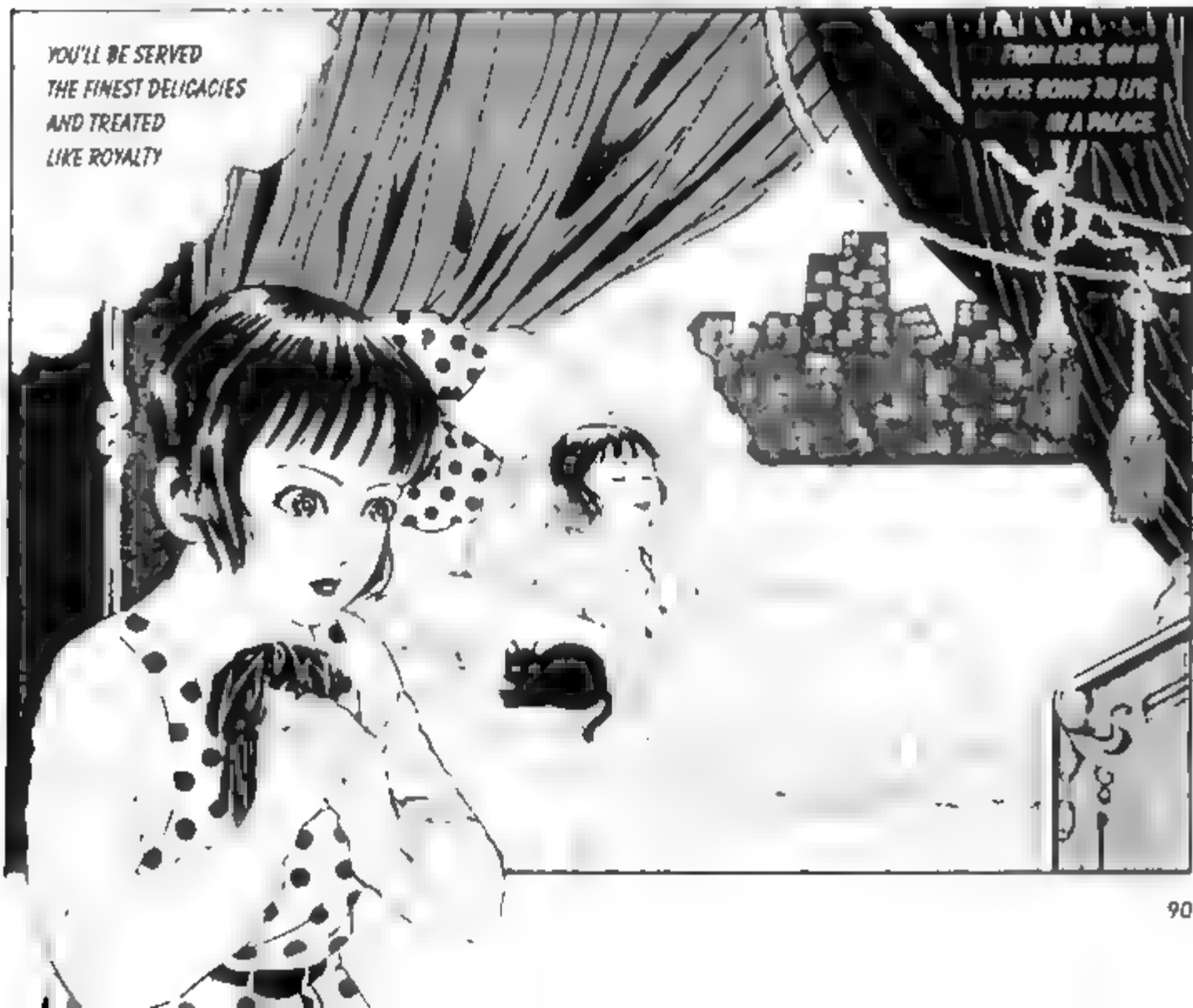


AT LAST
WE HAVE
FOUND OUR
NEW STAR!

WE'VE SEEN
YOUR STAGE
PERFORMANCE
AND YOU'RE JUST
THE GIRL WE NEED

WE'RE LOOKING FOR
A GIRL TO PLAY
THE LEAD IN OUR
NEW FEATURE FILM.
WISHING
ON A STAR.

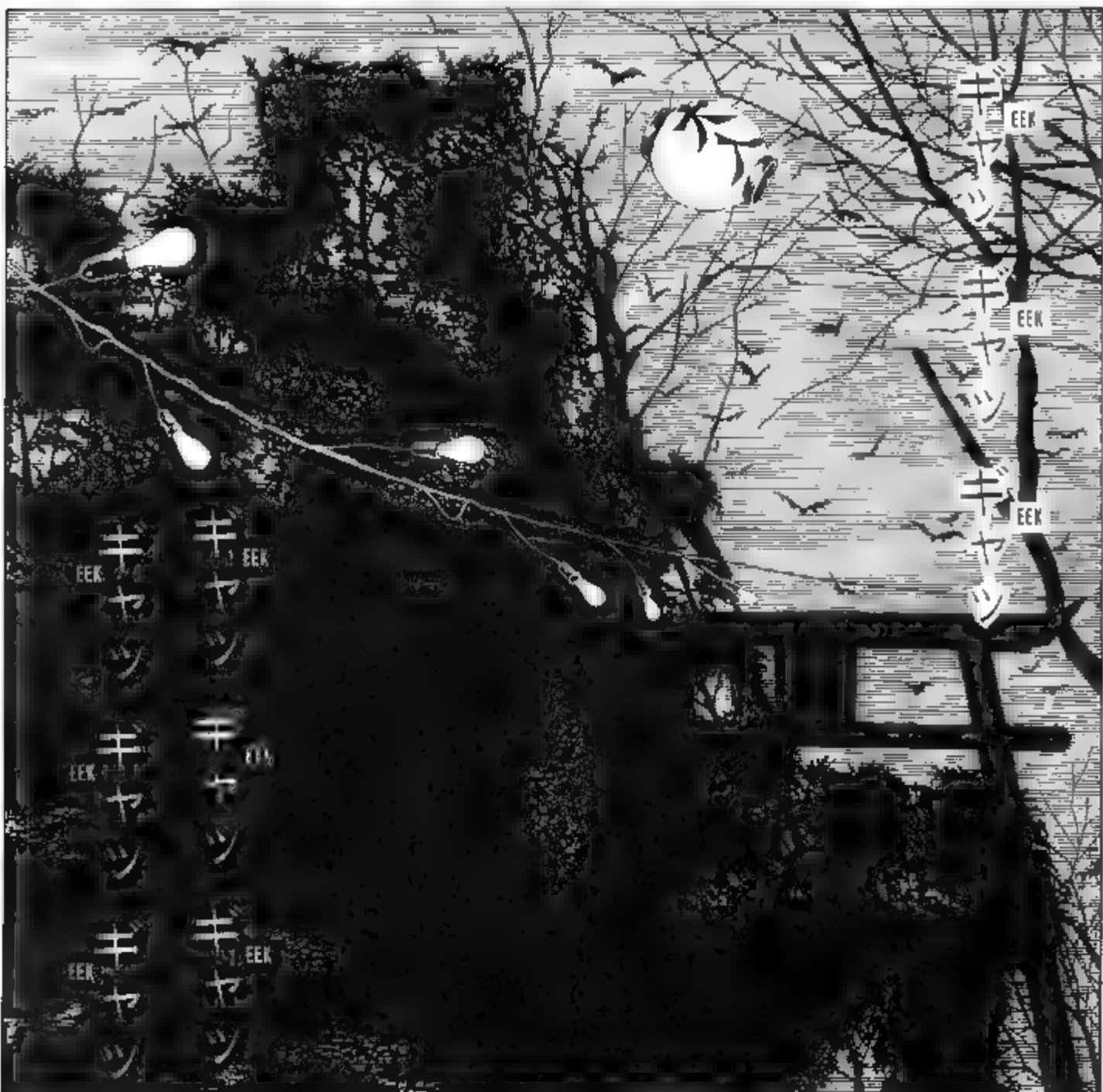
HUMPH
MIDORI GOT
THE LEAD
ROLE

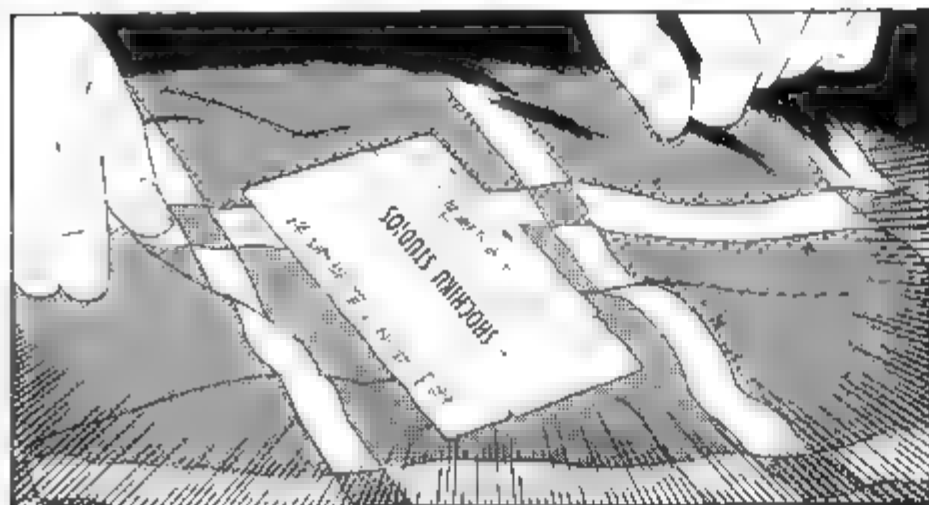


YOU'LL BE SERVED
THE FINEST DELICACIES
AND TREATED
LIKE ROYALTY

FROM HERE ON IN
YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE
IN A PALACE









CHAPTER SIX

THE RECKONING

Geld um Ehre nehmen!!

DIGNITY FOR SALE

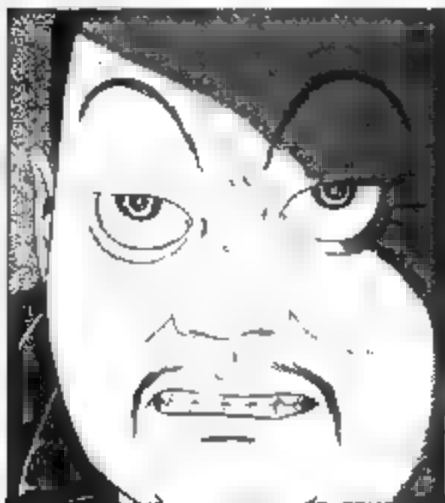
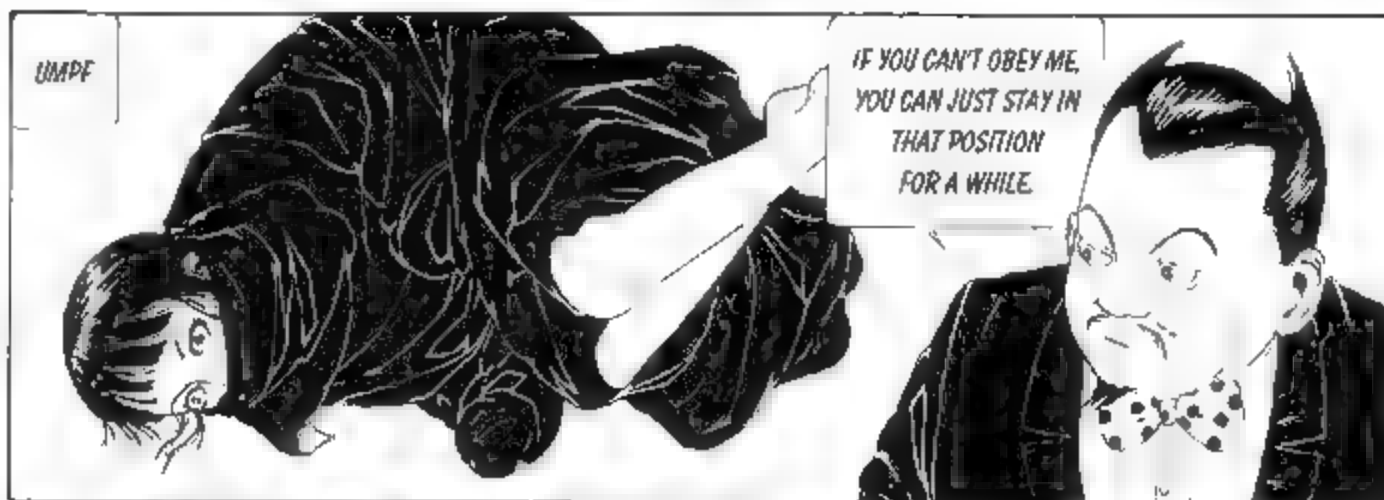


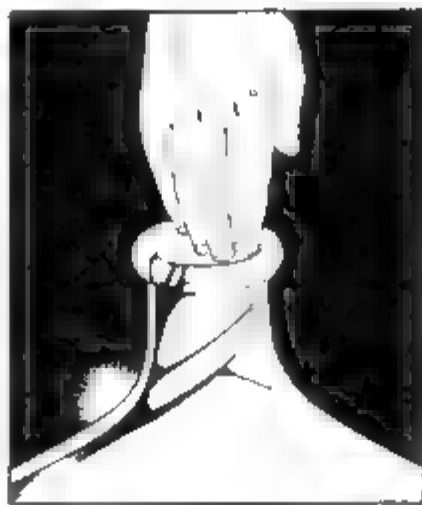
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Glomming Geek
Human Torch
Alligator Lady
Amazon Giantess
Sword Swallower
Human Pincushion
Big Bertha
Pin-Headed Boy
Confounding Contortionist
Fish-Faced Girl
Hermaphrodite
Pickled Punk
Mesmer the Mentalist
Double-Bodied Wonder
Iron-Tongued Marvel
Four-Legged Girl
Third-Sex Family

Frog Boy
Headless Girl
Tattooed Marvel
Fire Eater
Eighth Wonder of the World
Snake Charmer
Triple-Jointed Dwarf
Dog-Faced Woman
Mammoth Maniac
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Popeye
Pretzel Man
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Human Cannonball
Eighty-Year-Old Boy
Anatomical Wonder

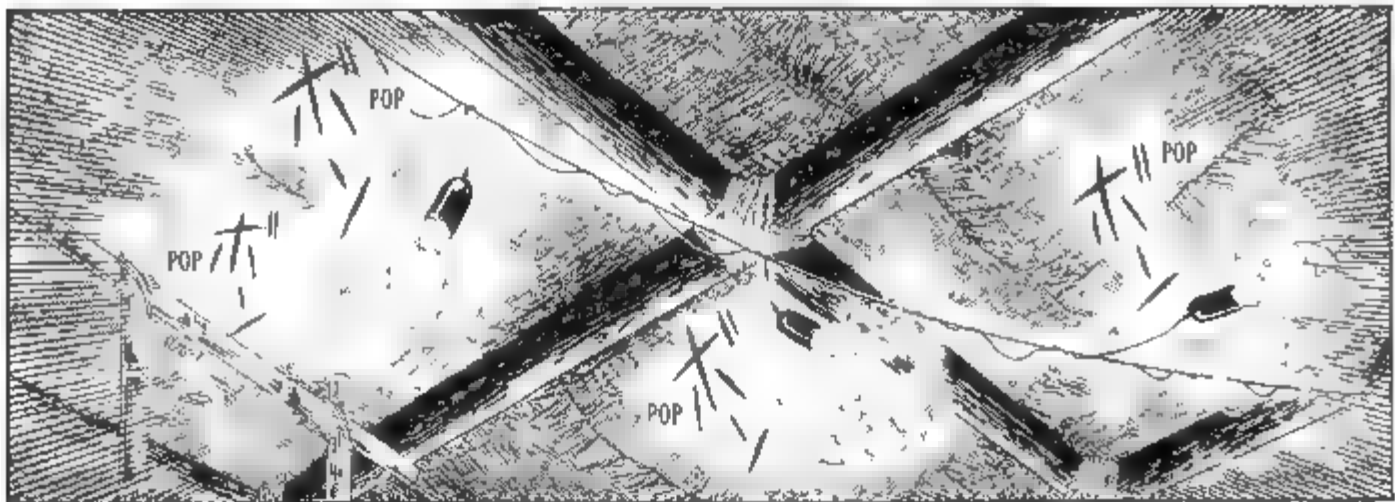
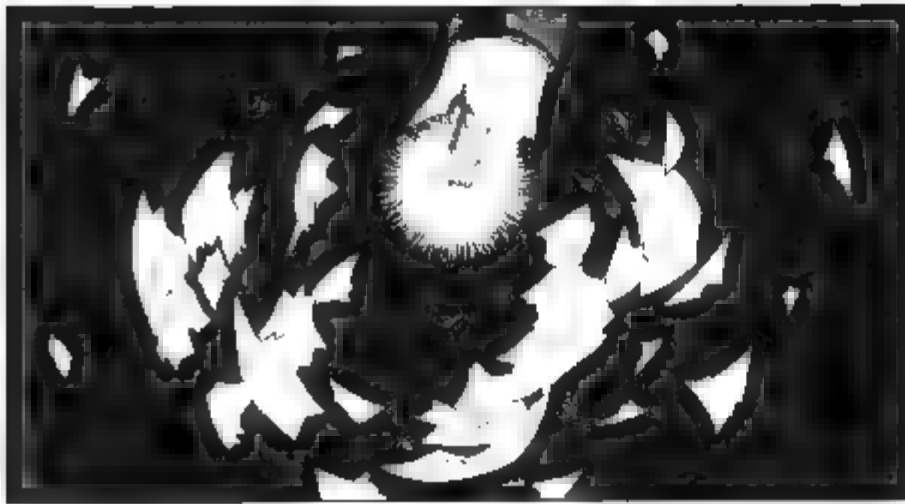
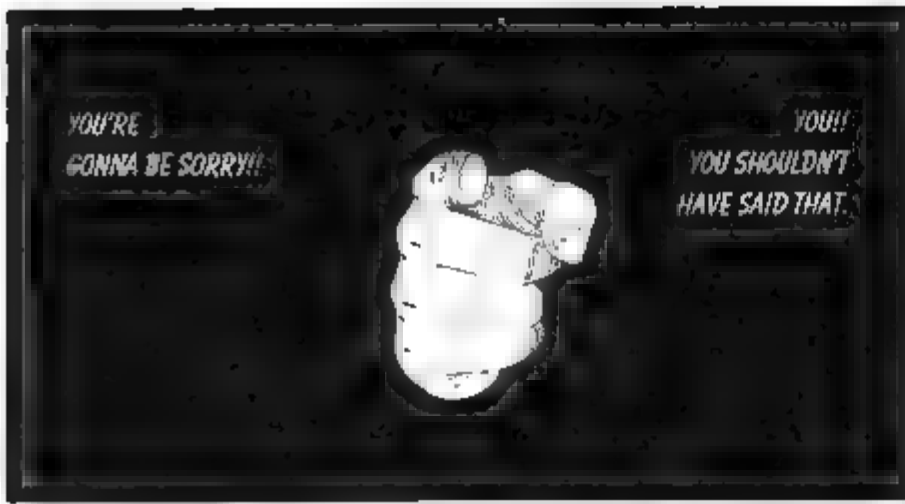
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Amazing Memory Man
Cloven-Hoofed Girl
Perplexing Prestidigitateur
Herculean Hulk
Incombustible Woman
Fire King
Stone Eater
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Fire Walker
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Two-Faced Man
The Human Knot

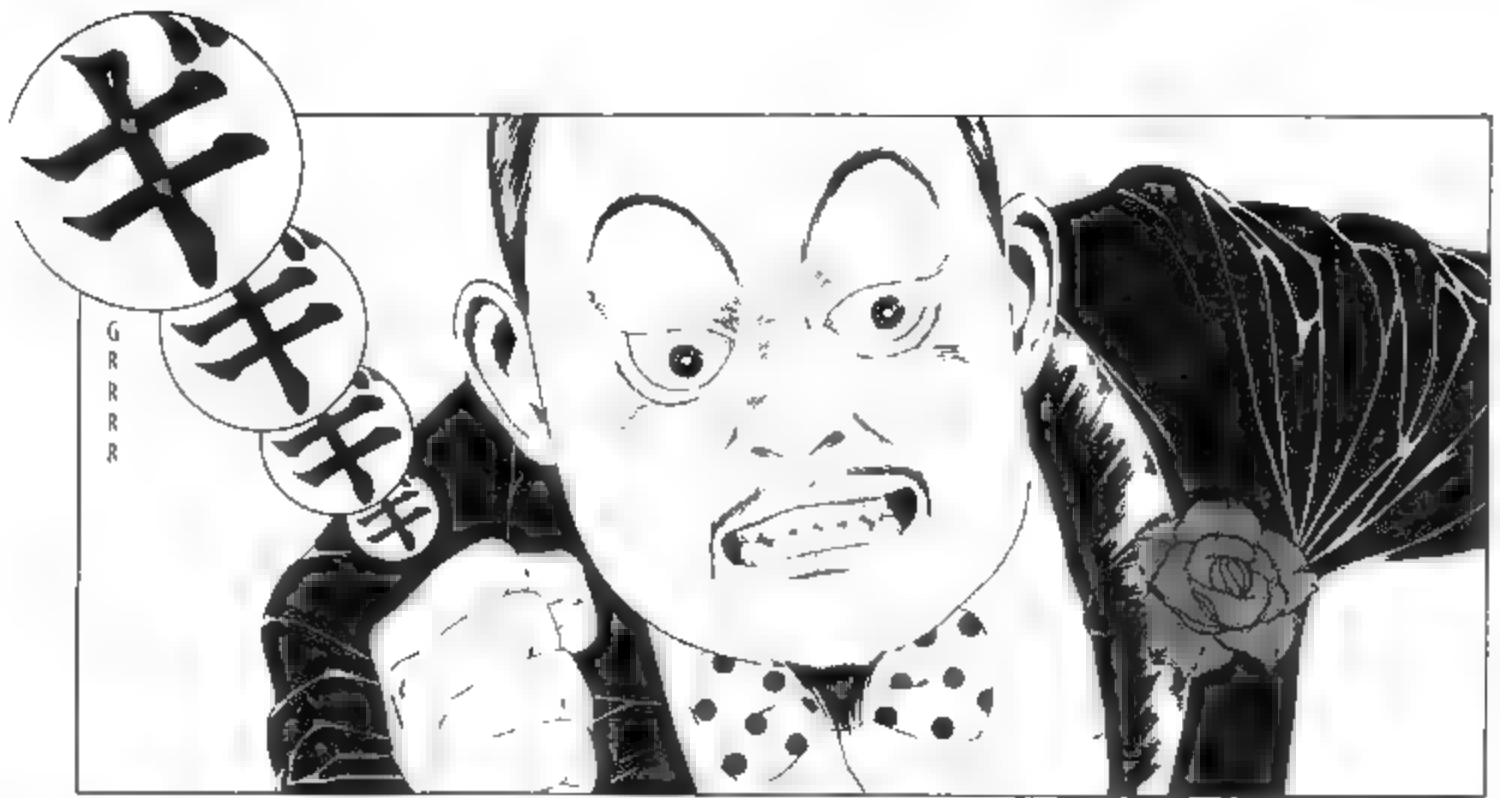


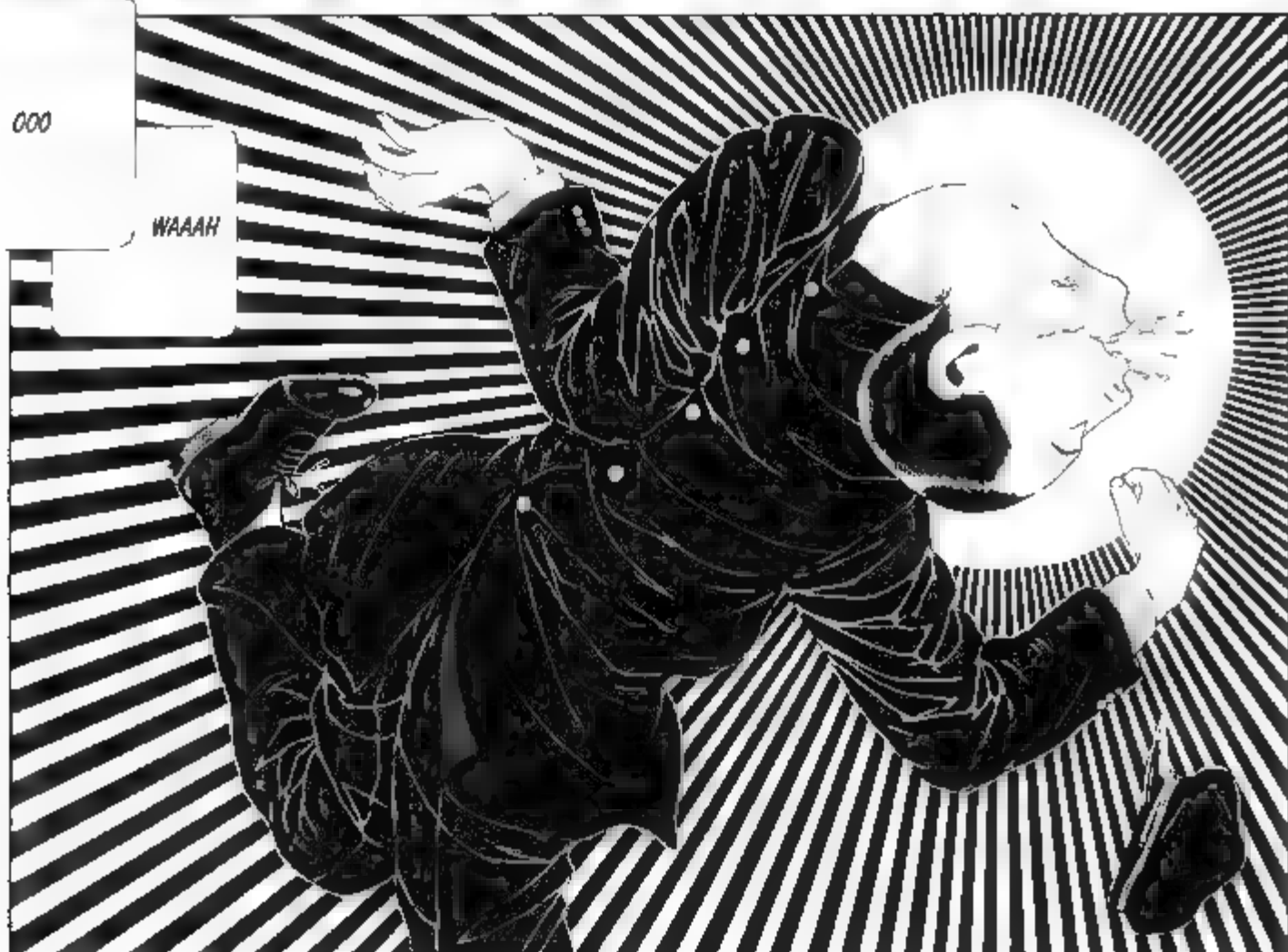






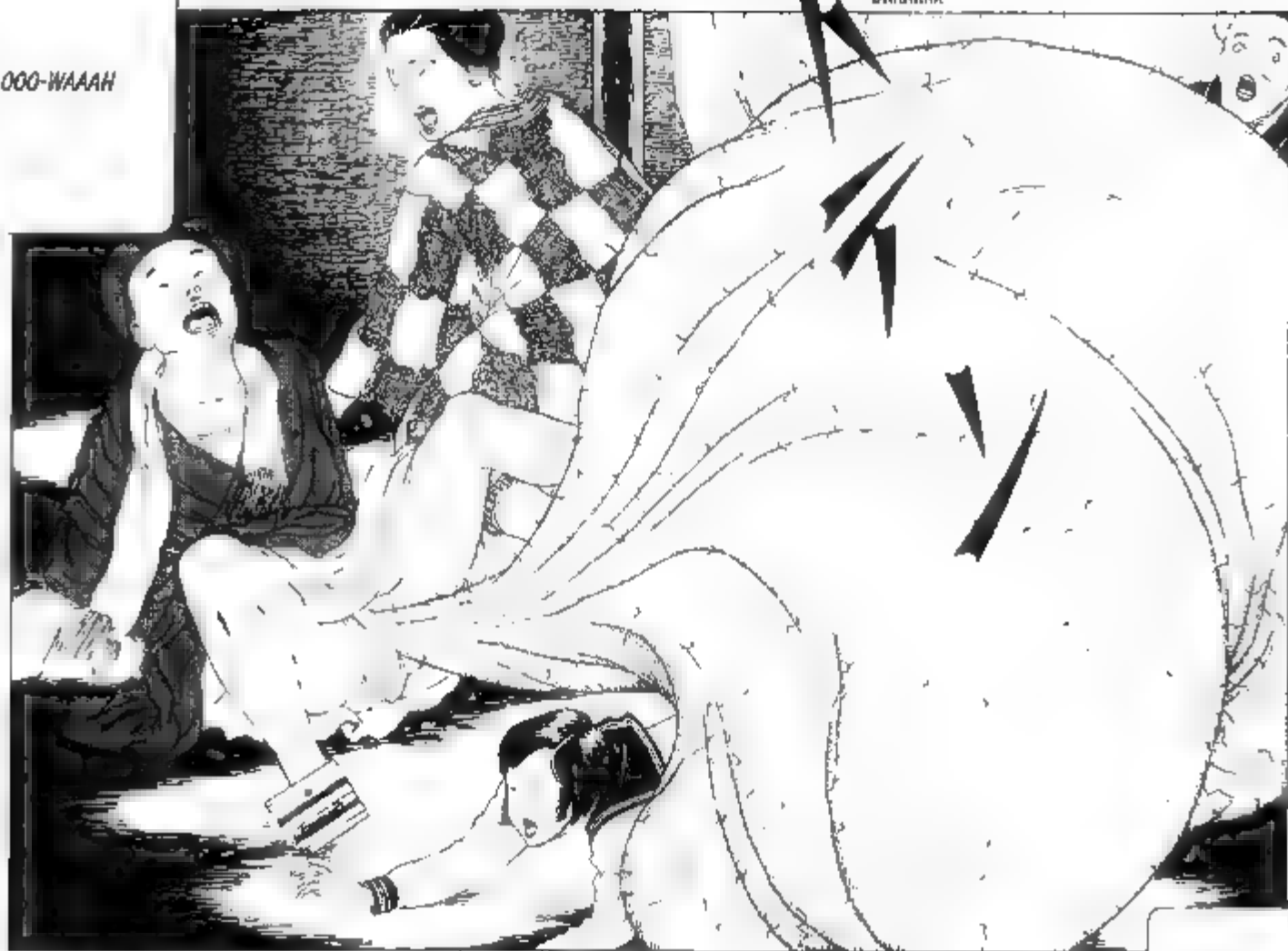






OOO-WAAAH

DRRRRRK



OOO-WAAAH





WHAT
THE HELL



AHHH
AHHH
ST .
STOP IT!!
AWUHHH

STOP IT!!
PLEASE!
PLEASE!
STOP!!
STOP!!

OOO-WAAAHH

OOO-WAAAHH

OOO-WAAAHH

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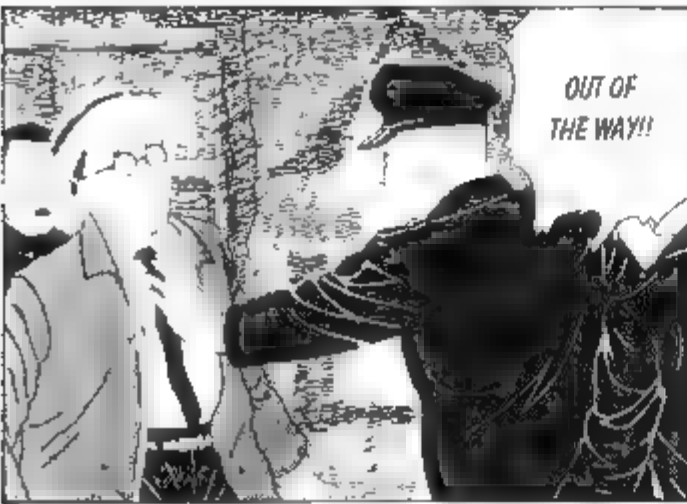
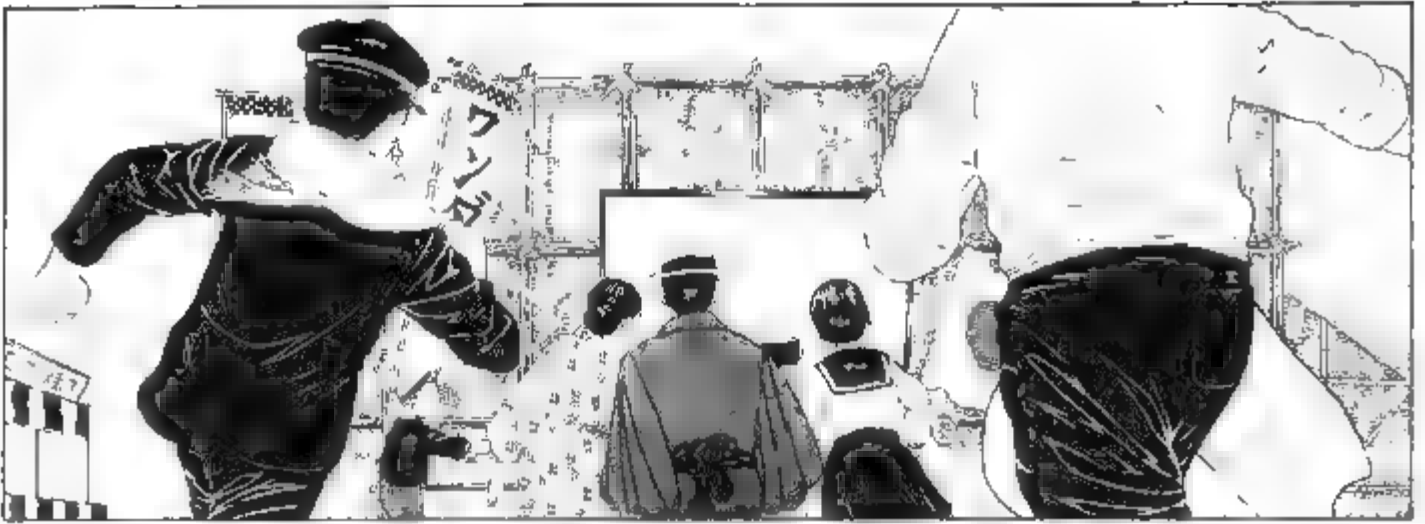
CONVULSE!!
TWIST YOUR BONES!!

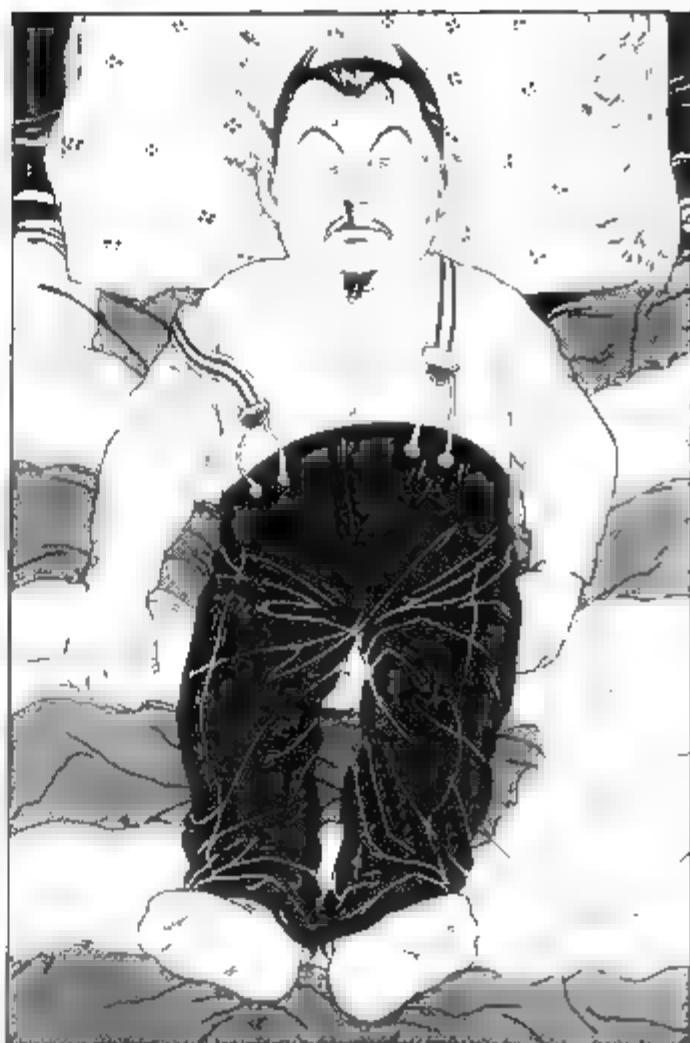
SWELL UP
TILL YOU BUST!!

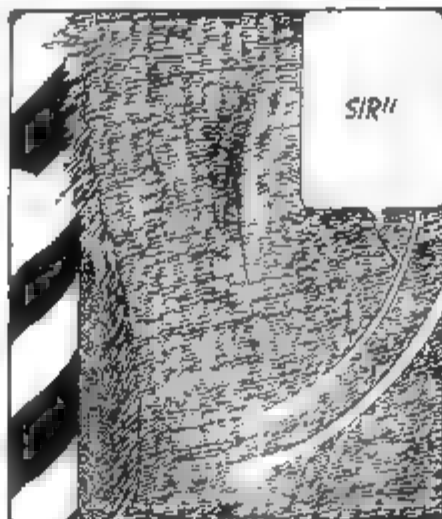
















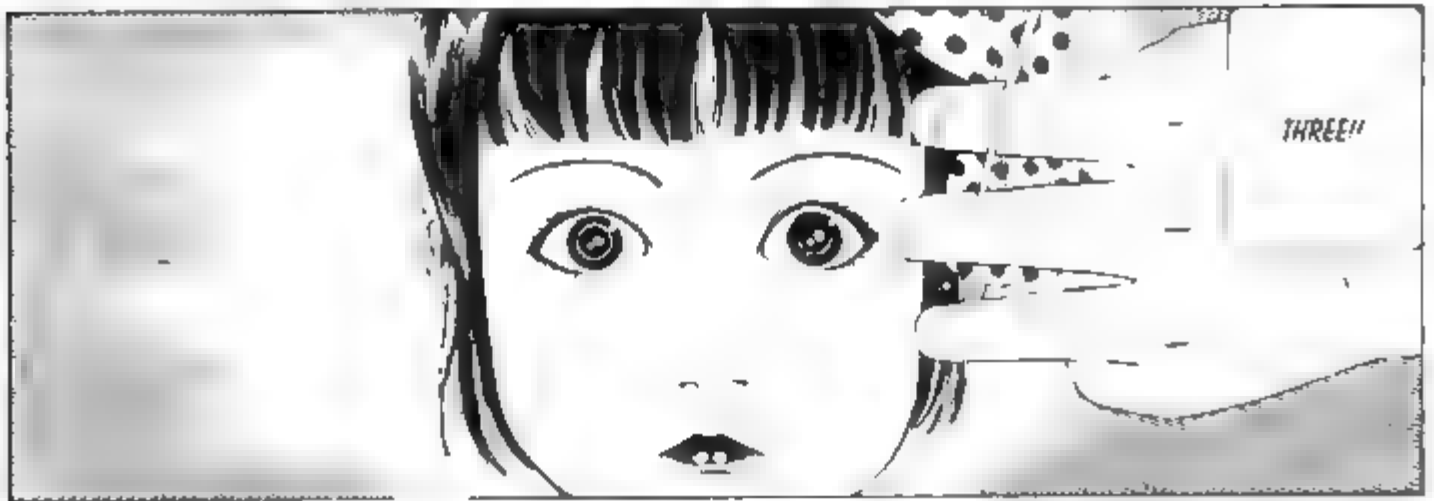
CHAPTER
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'TIL
DEATH
DO US
PART



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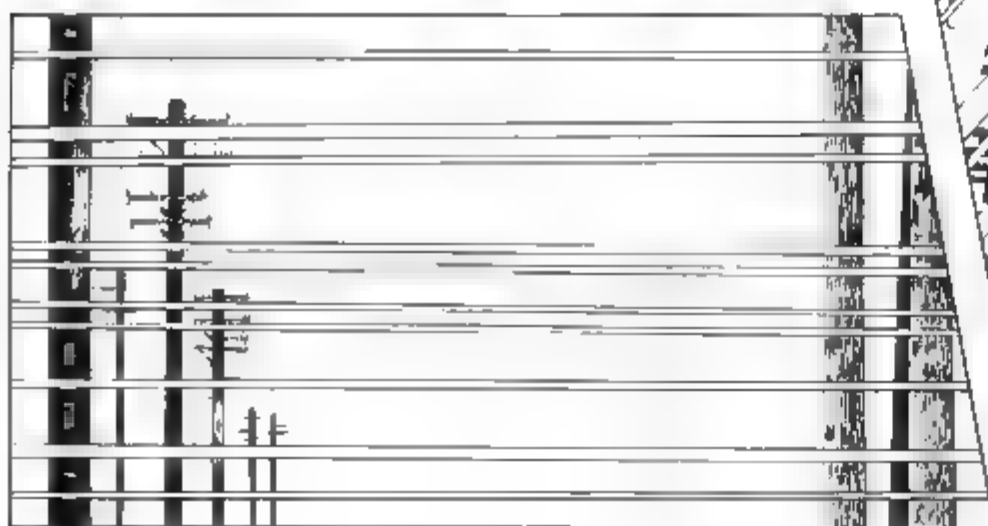
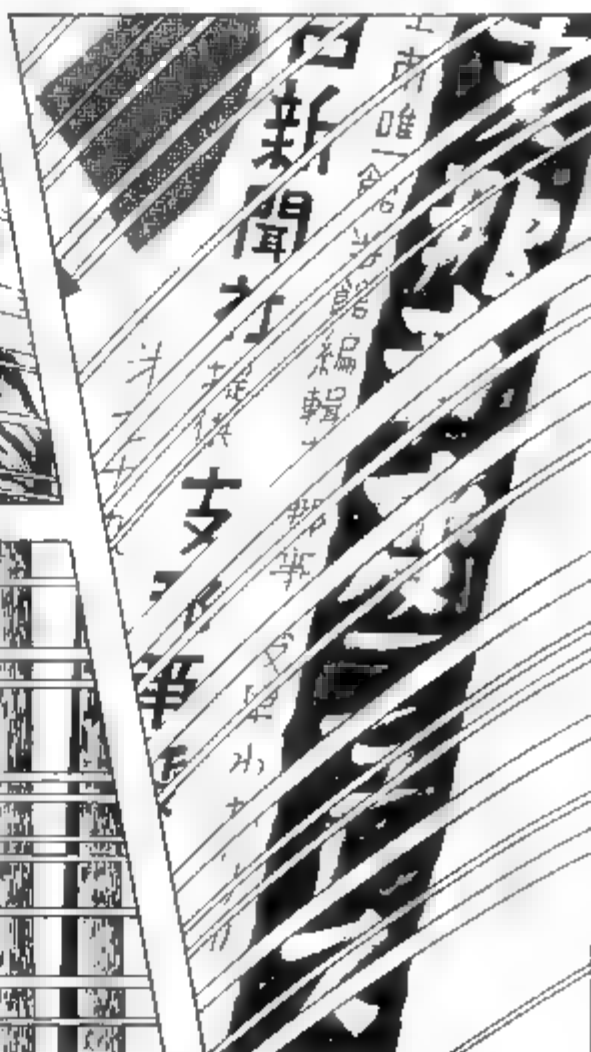




KEEP GOING,
STRAIGHT AHEAD
TO THE INSIDE











MIDORI,
WHY ARE YOU
SO LATE?
YOU KNOW
BETTER
THAN THAT!



COME ON
AND GET YOUR
DINNER SO I CAN
FINISH CLEANING
UP THE TABLE.

MIDORI,
WHAT'S THE
MATTER?



WHAT'S
THAT?

HERE
YOU ARE



YEP.



THANK YOU,
DADDY



YOUR DADDY
BROUGHT IT
HOME FOR YOU.

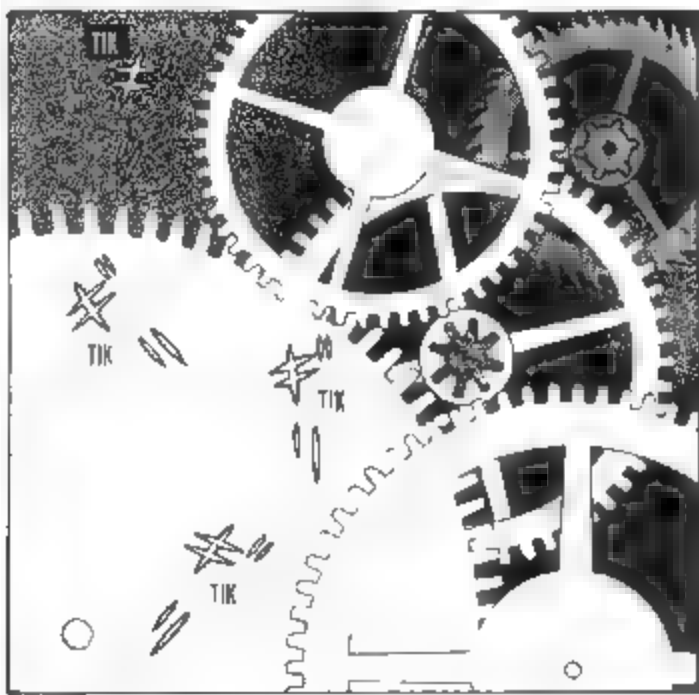
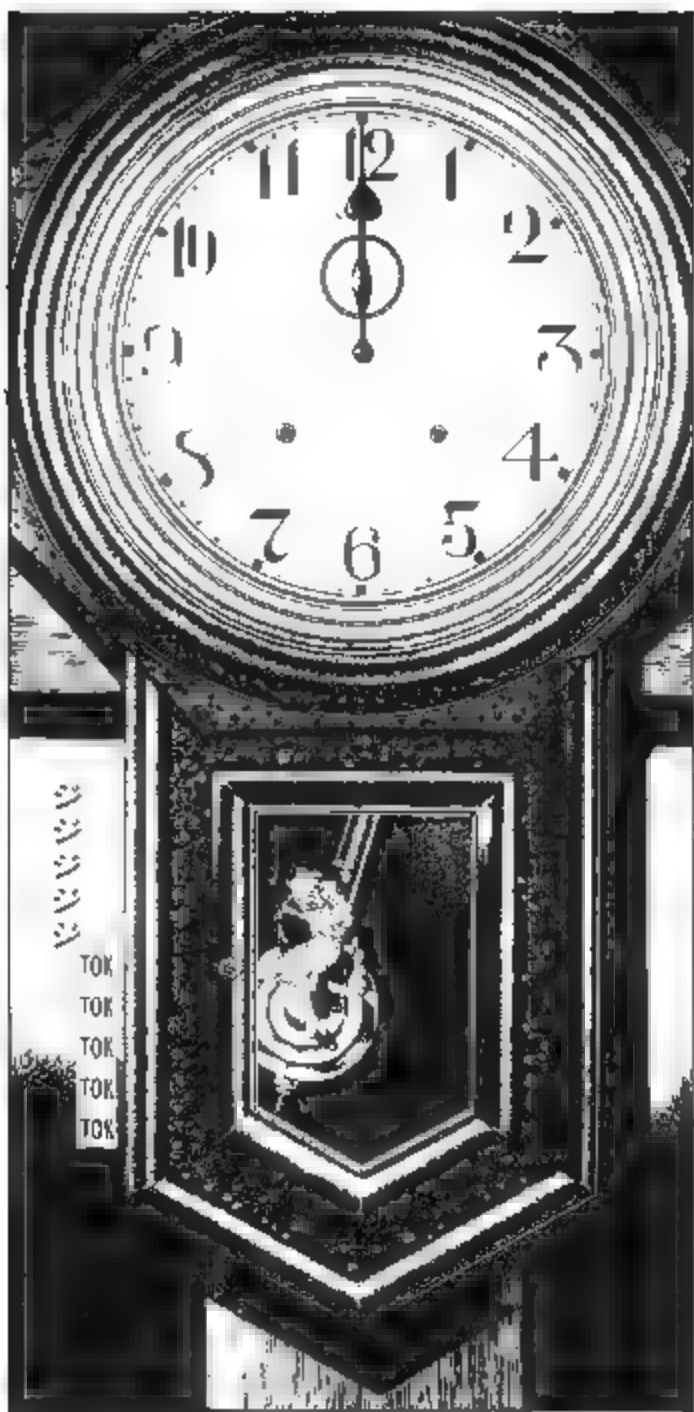
SOME SNACKS
FOR THE
FIELD TRIP
WITH YOUR CLASS
TOMORROW.



YEP!!

I WANT YOU TO GET
TO BED A LITTLE EARLY
TONIGHT SO YOU
WON'T OVERSLEEP
IN THE MORNING.

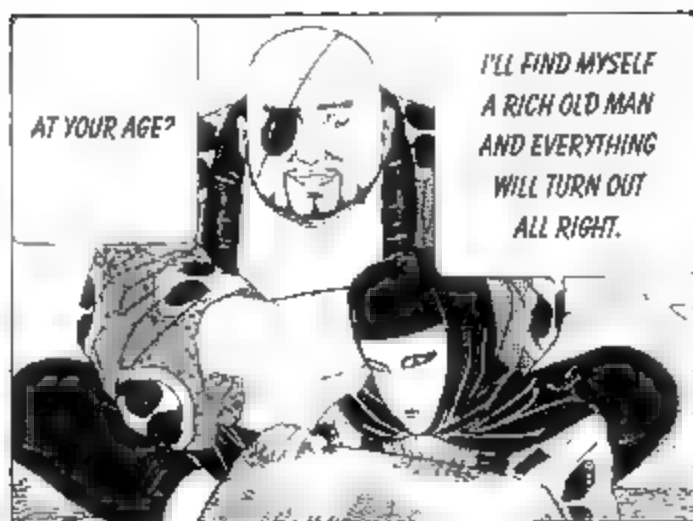


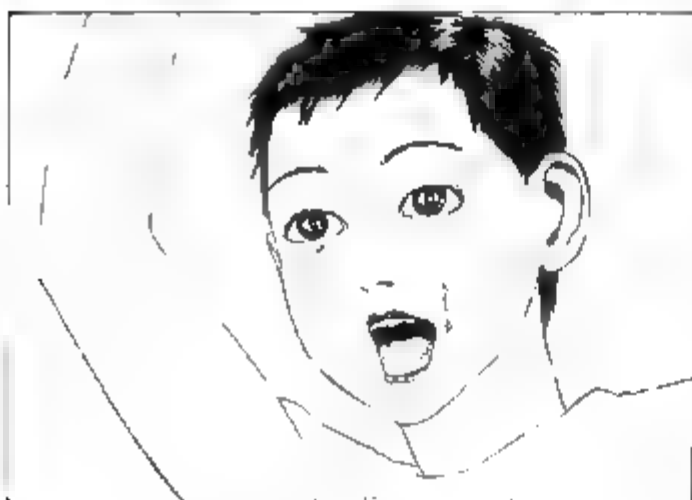
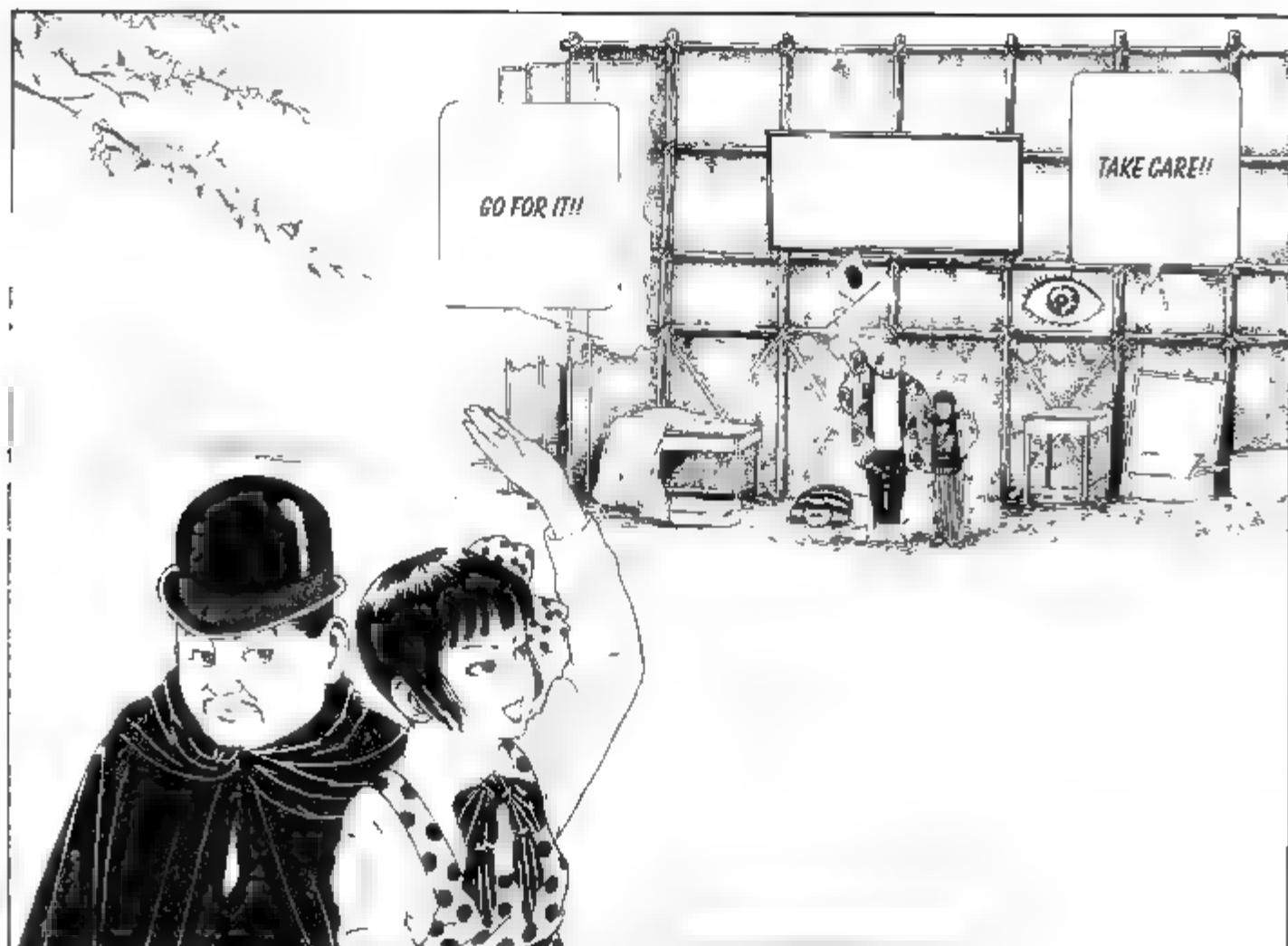






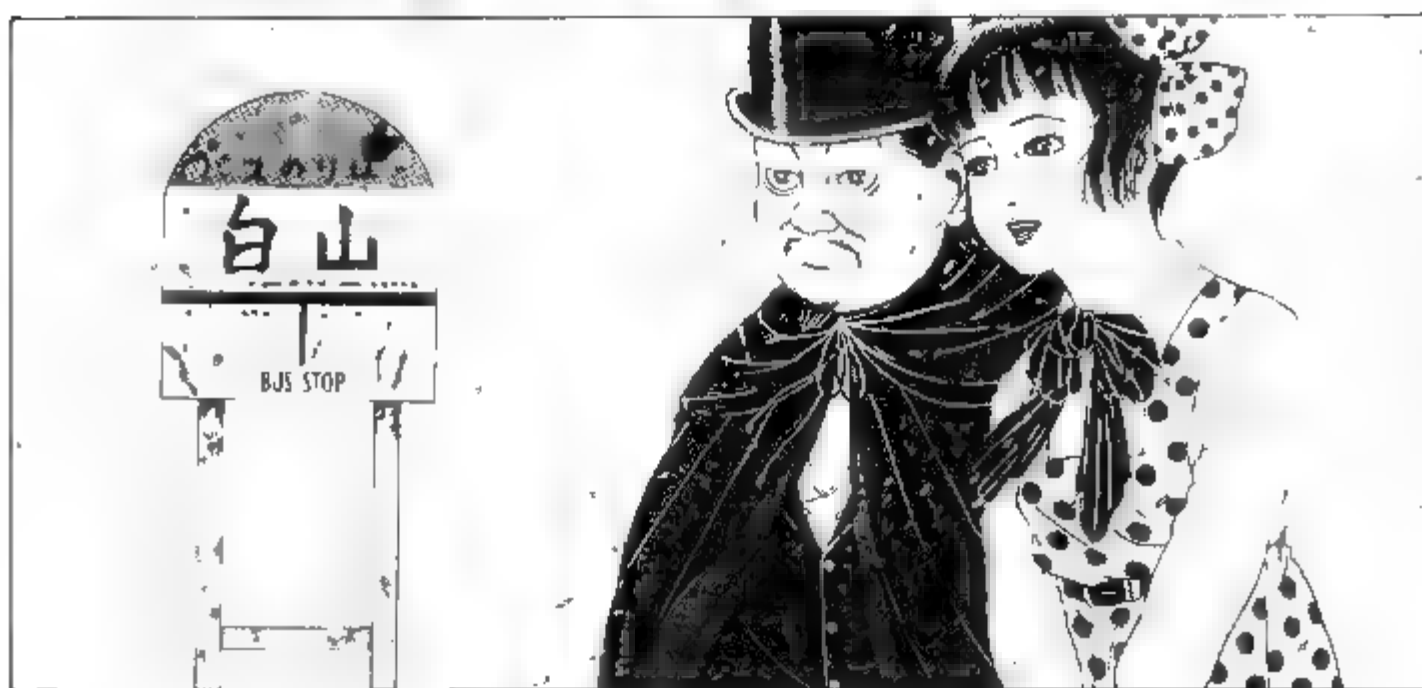






I HOPE I WILL
SEE THEM AGAIN
SOMEDAY

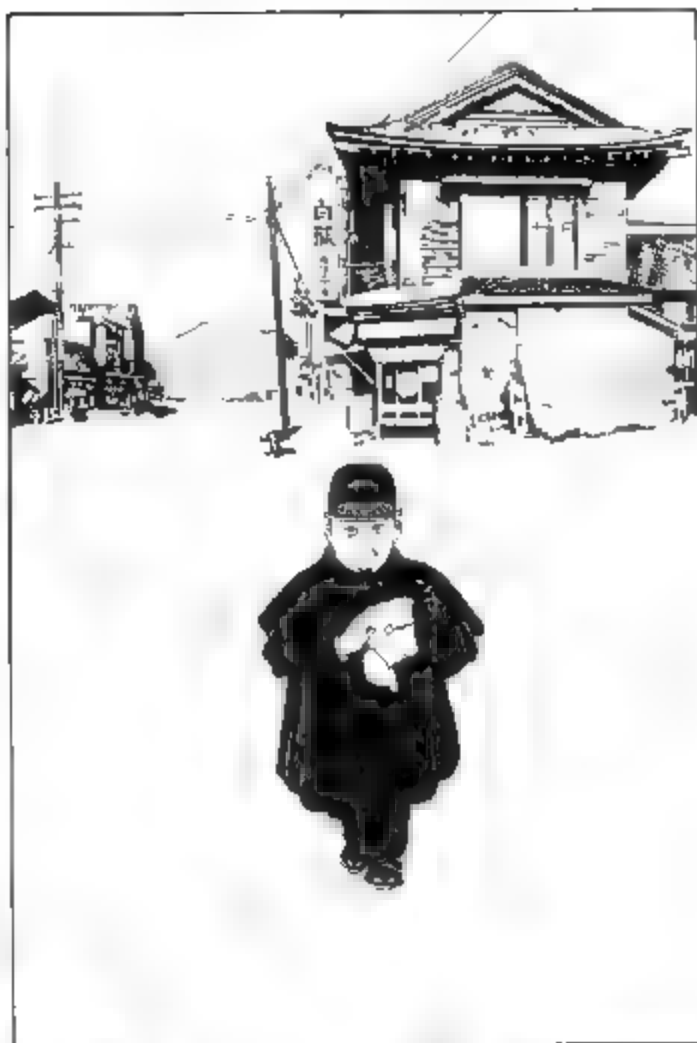
I HOPE SO TOO.

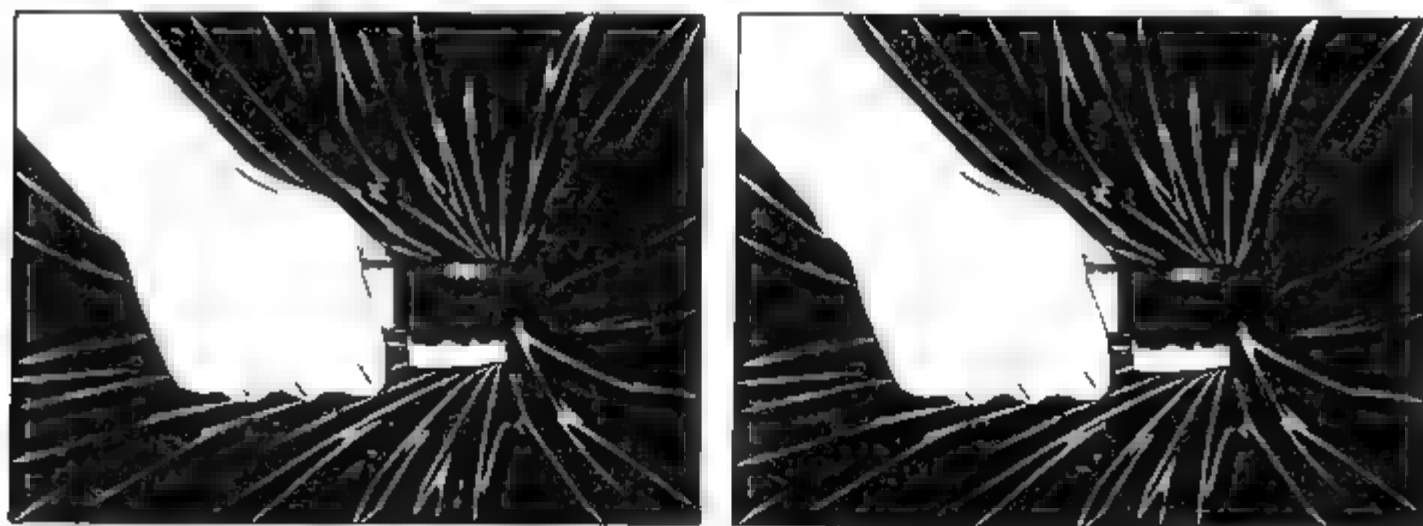
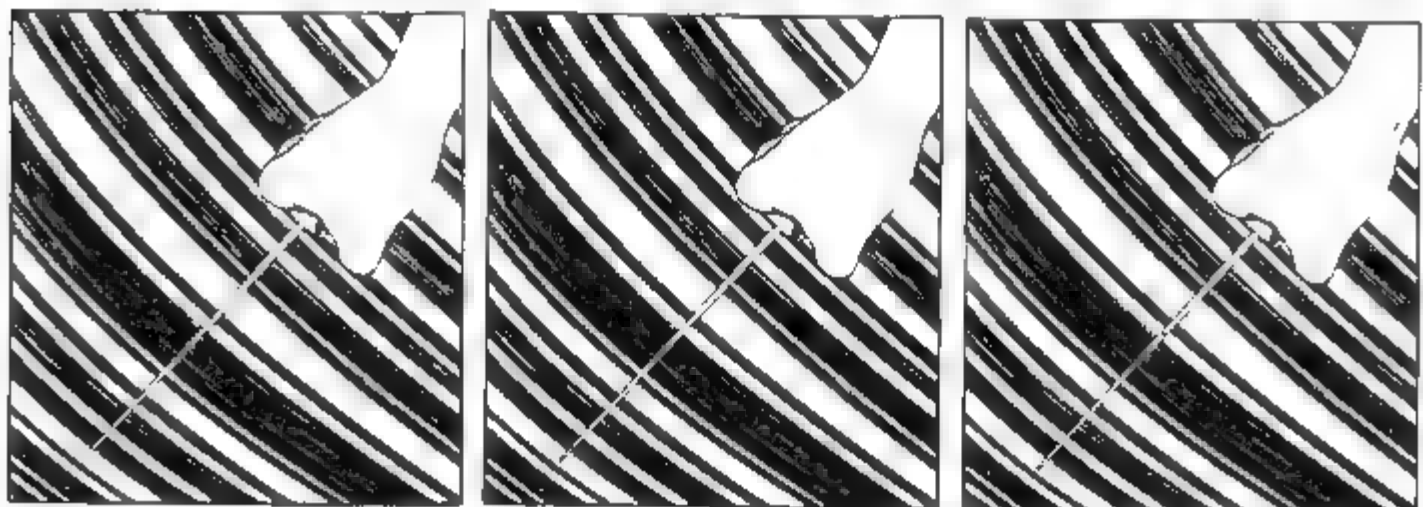
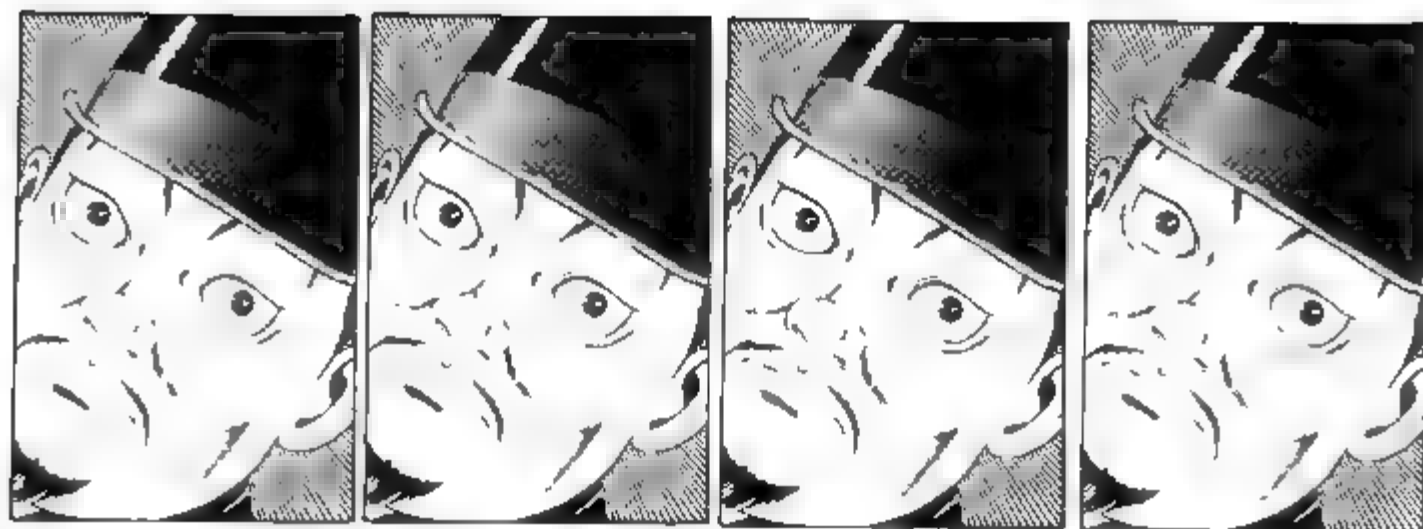


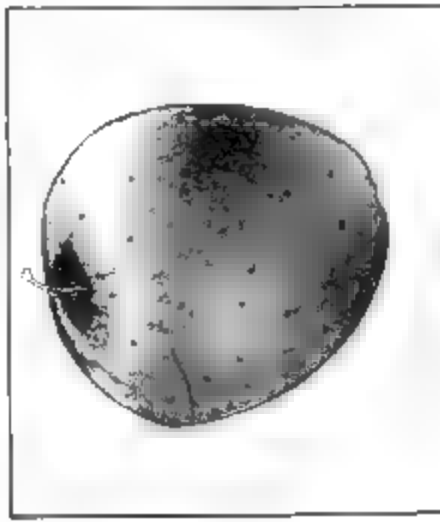


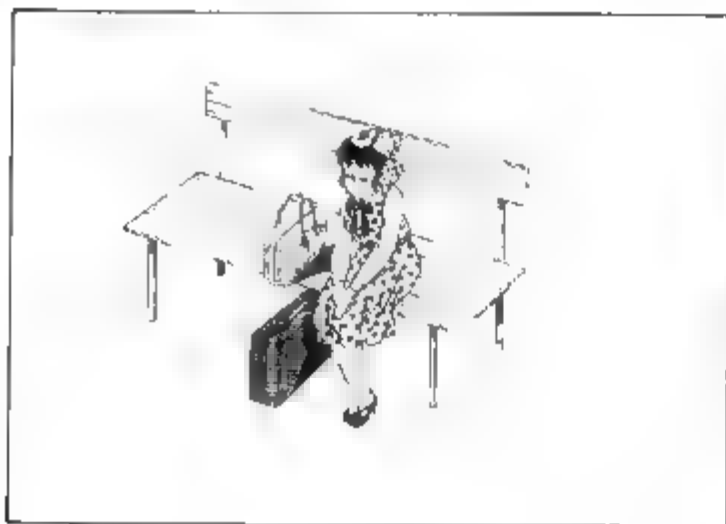
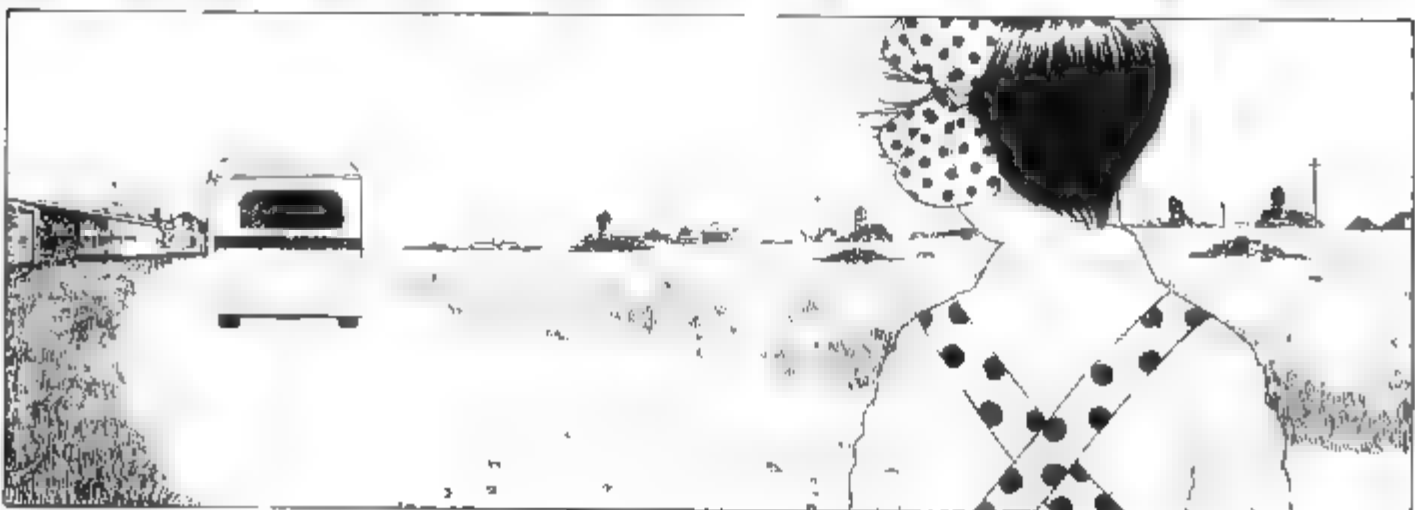
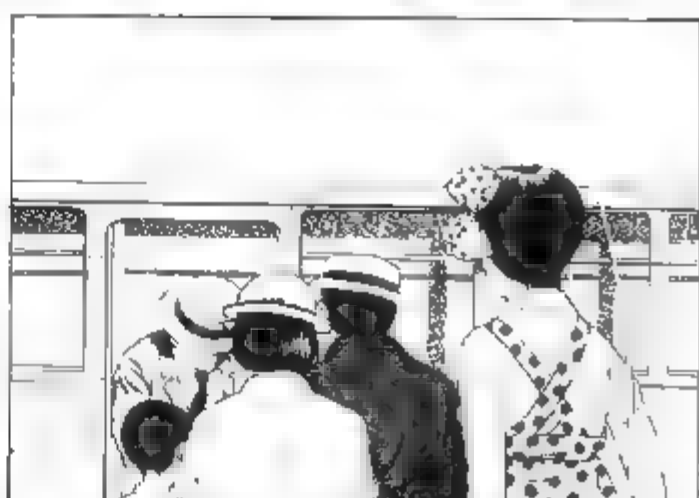
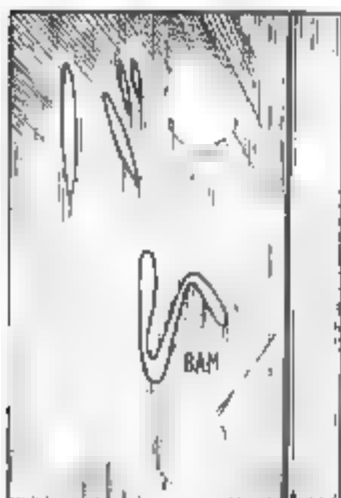
FAREWELL, SWEET CHERRY BLOSSOMS



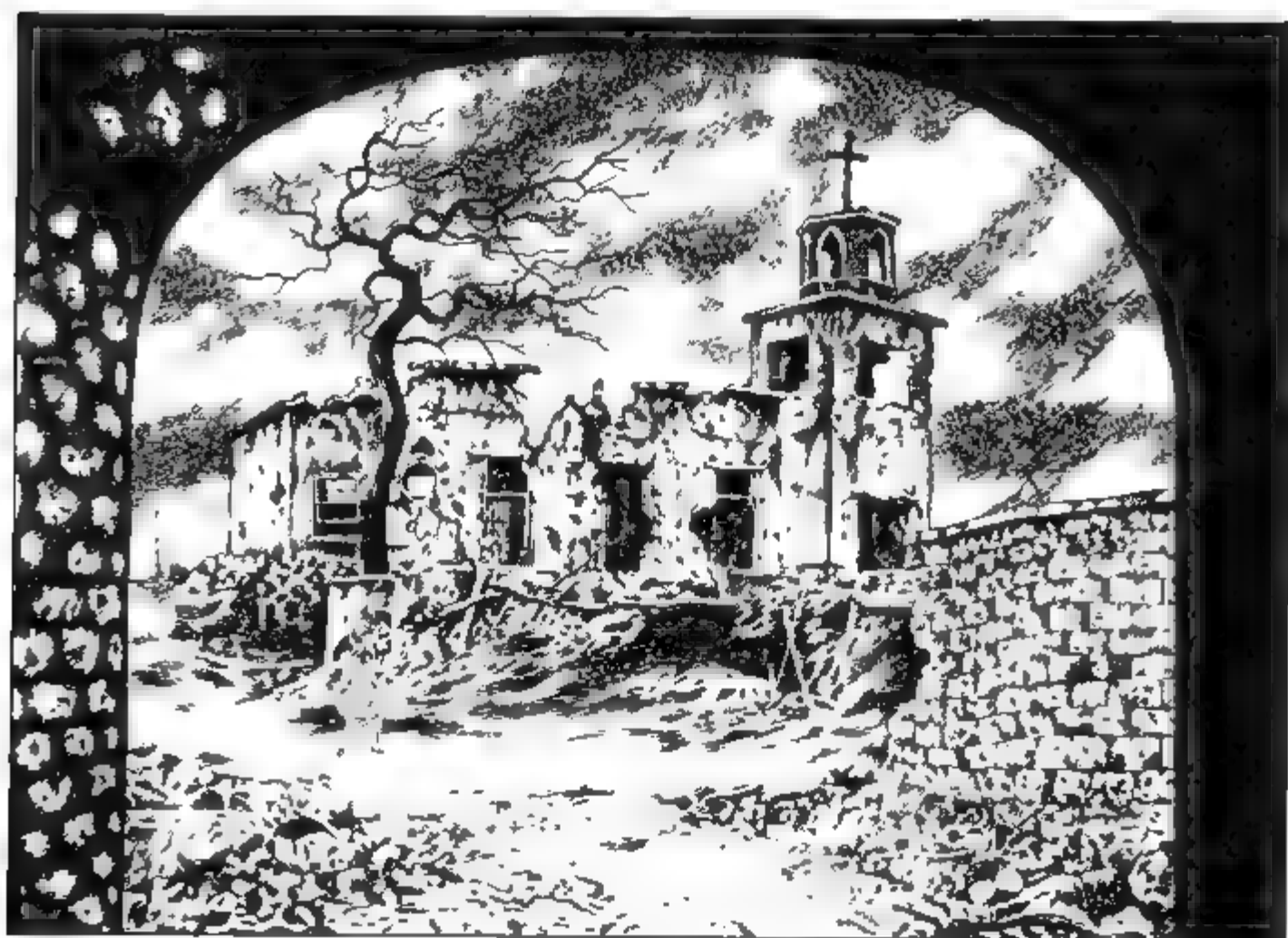
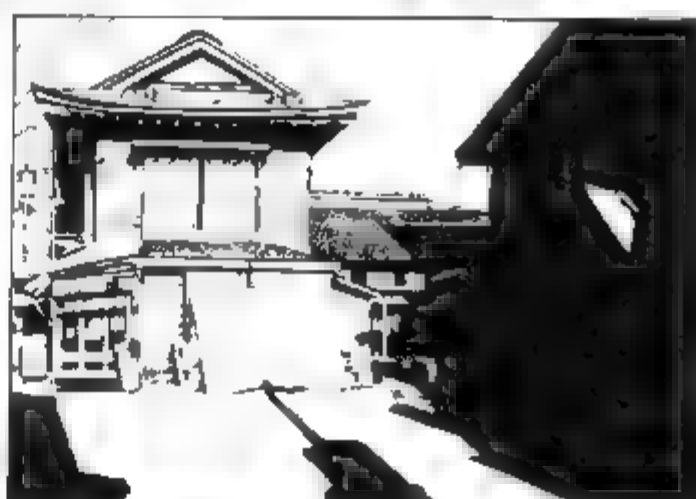
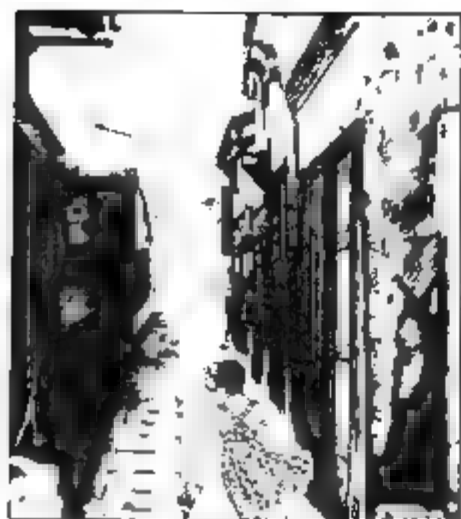


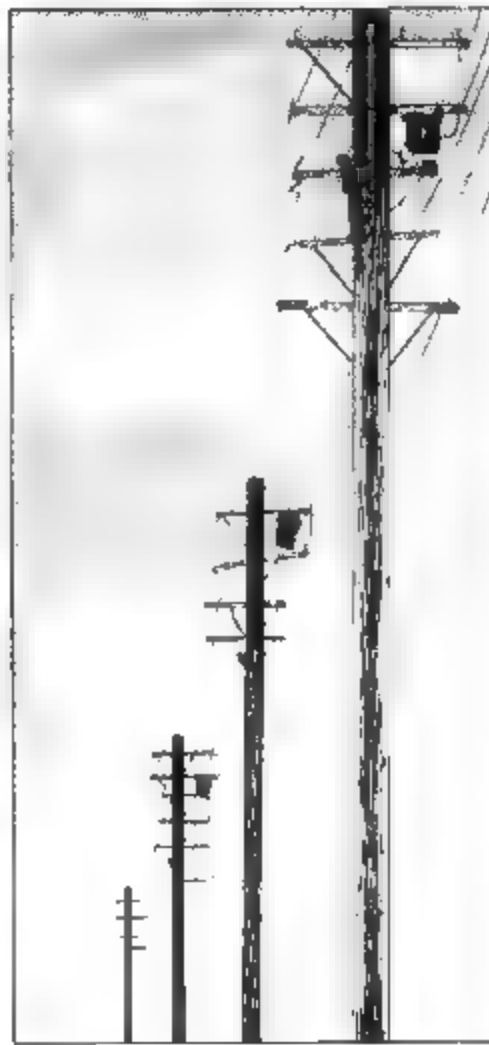
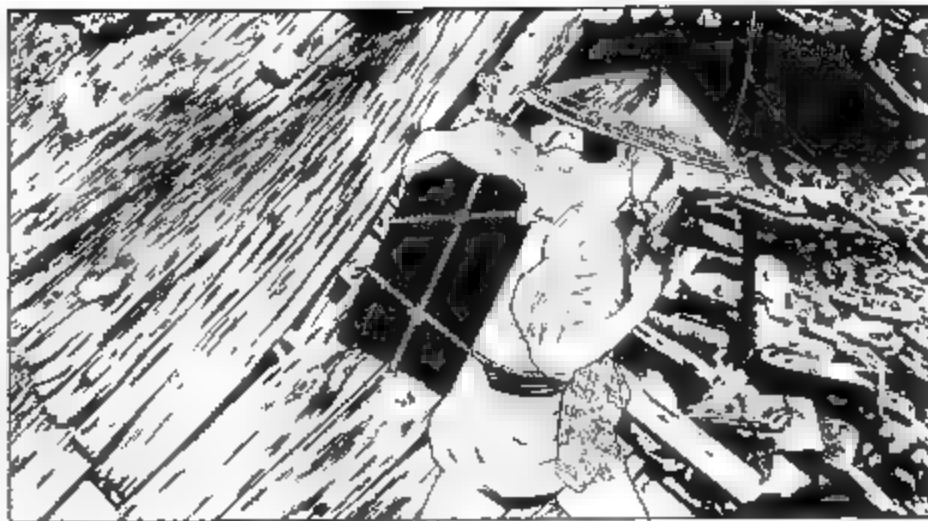


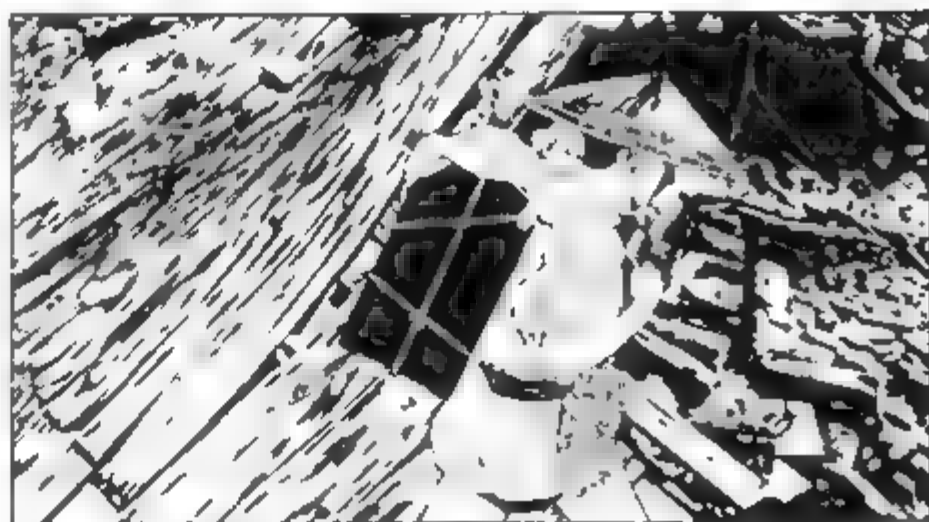










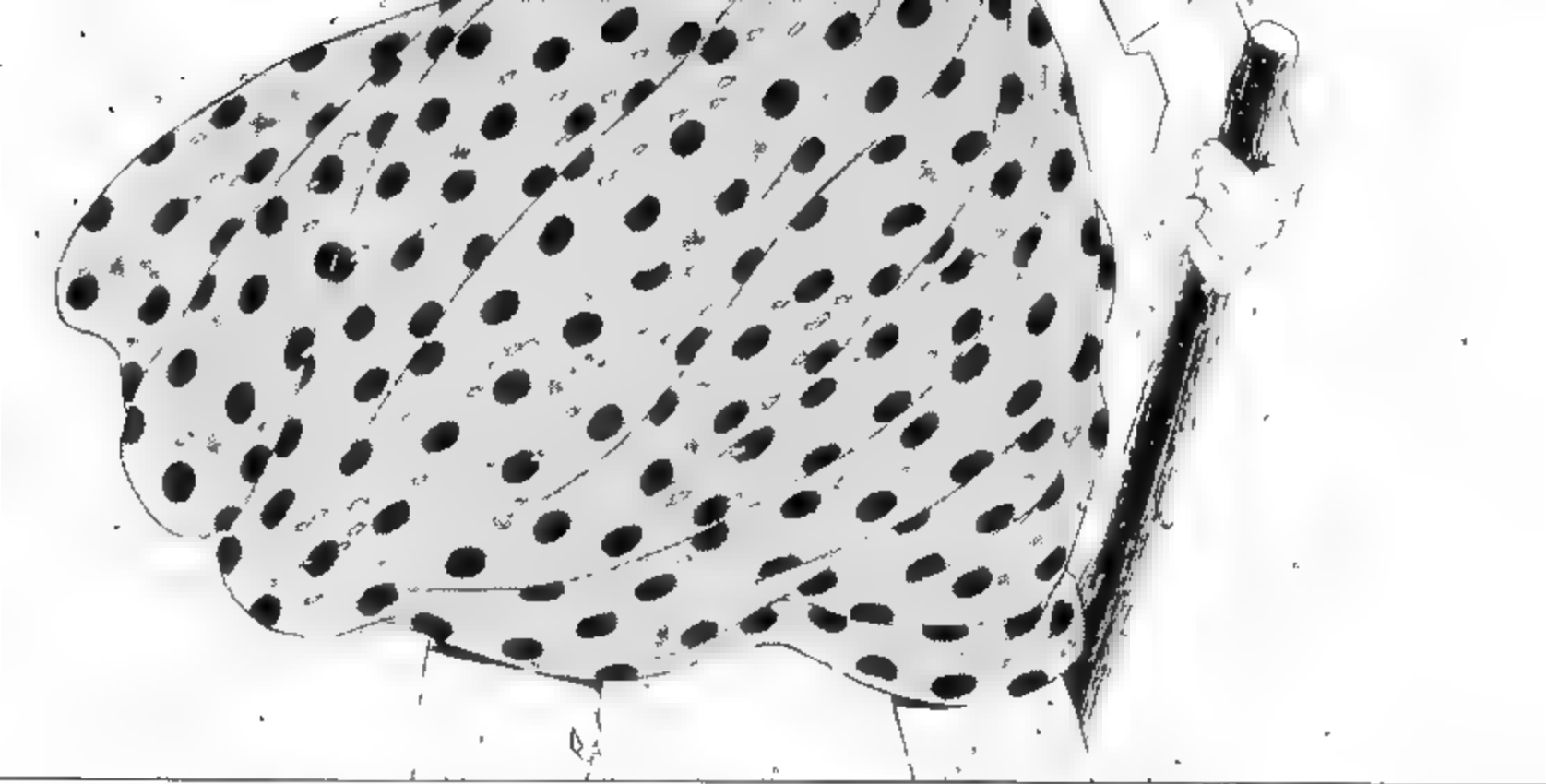








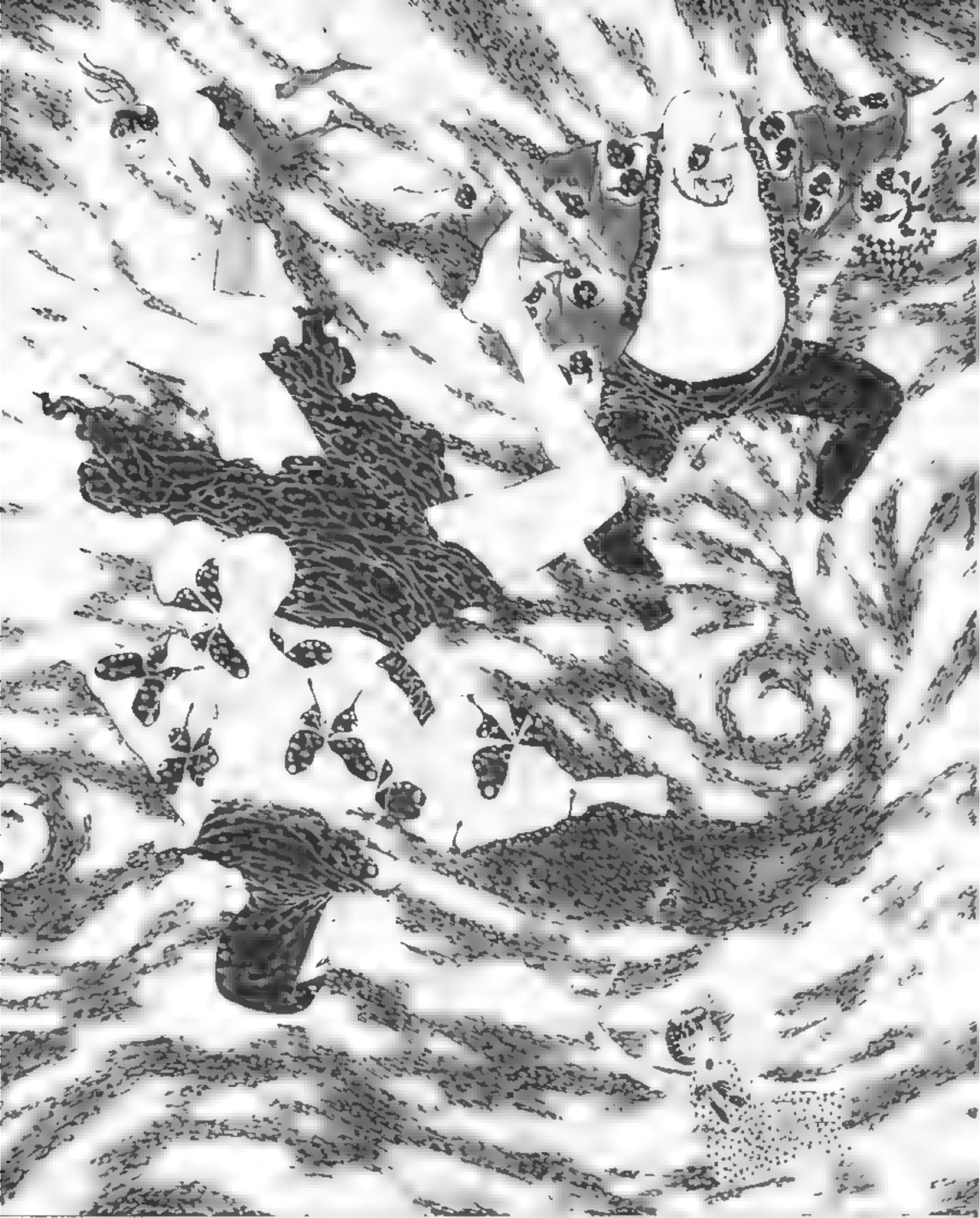




I WISH
YOU WERE
ALL
DEAD!!













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